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I SEE  
YOU TWO  
ARE GETTING  
ALONG.



LET ME JUST RECAP A LITTLE HERE, SON. YOU GO OUT INTO SPACE ON A BIG ADVENTURE-- SEE YOUR FATHER, WHICH I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GET INTO, BRING BACK YOUR STEP BROTHER, ASK ME TO RAISE HIM-- AND THEN YOU SKIP OUT FOR THE REST OF THE DAY?



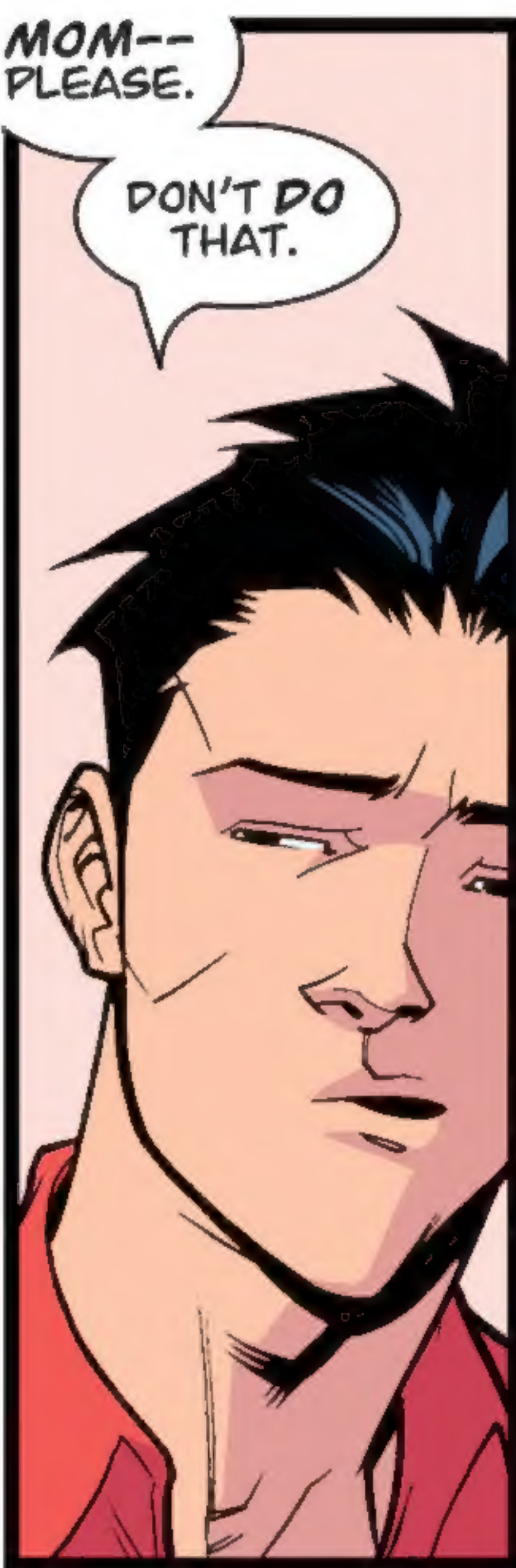
YEAH, I GUESS SO. SORRY ABOUT THAT. TALKING TO AMBER TOOK A LITTLE MORE TIME THAN I EXPECTED.



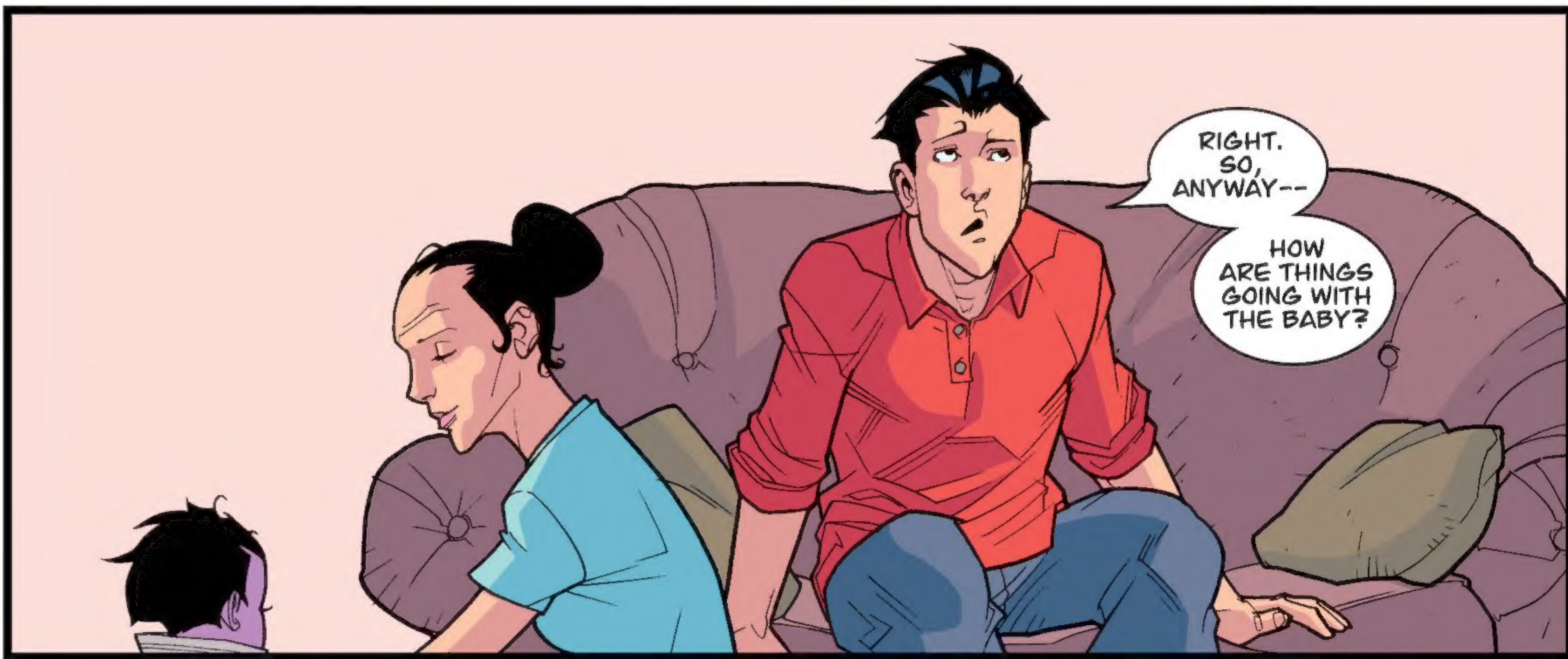
TALKING?

MOM-- PLEASE.

DON'T DO THAT.



WELL, IF YOU EXPECT ME TO THINK YOU'VE BEEN **JUST TALKING** FOR THREE HOURS, YOU'RE FOOLING YOURSELF.



RIGHT. SO, ANYWAY--

HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH THE BABY?

YOU'RE A CRAFTY ONE, MARK GRAYSON.

YOU LEAVE ME HERE WITH A BABY THAT HAS NO ONE TO RAISE IT FOR THREE HOURS AND YOU THINK I'M GOING TO BE ABLE TO PART WITH IT?



SO YOU'RE--?



LIKE YOU DIDN'T PLAN THIS.

HOW COULD I SAY NO? OF COURSE I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.





SPEAKING OF HIM. DOES HE HAVE A NAME?

ACTUALLY, NO. THE MANTIS PEOPLE AGED SO FAST THEY CHOSE THEIR OWN NAME ONCE THEY WERE OLD ENOUGH. I THINK THAT WAS ABOUT A WEEK INTO THEIR LIFE, THOUGH, SO HE SHOULD ALREADY HAVE PICKED ONE.

I DON'T THINK WE'LL BE HONORING THAT TRADITION. CECIL SAID I'D NEED TO FIND OUT HIS NAME SOON, ANYWAY.

YOU TALKED TO CECIL?

YEAH, HE 'PORTED OVER WHILE YOU WERE WITH YOUR GIRLFRIEND.

HE TOLD ME ALL ABOUT THE ADOPTION OPTIONS AVAILABLE AND SOMETHING ABOUT HOLOGRAPHIC SOMETHING OR OTHERS TO MASK HIS SKIN TONE.

IT ALL MADE A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE--AND I'D HAD A COUPLE HOURS TO GET ATTACHED TO THE LITTLE BUGGER.

YEAH--I GOT TO SPEND TIME WITH HIM ON THE PLANET A LITTLE BIT, BUT I WAS WITH HIM IN THE SHIP FOR SIX DAYS ON THE WAY HERE.

I'M GLAD HE COULD--

I NEED YOU, KID.

OH, AND SOMETHING ABOUT A PRIVATE TUTOR.

WE'VE GOTTEN TO BE BUDDIES, HAVEN'T WE?

BROTHER!

--SPEAK OF THE DEVIL. LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOT TO RUN. I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW?

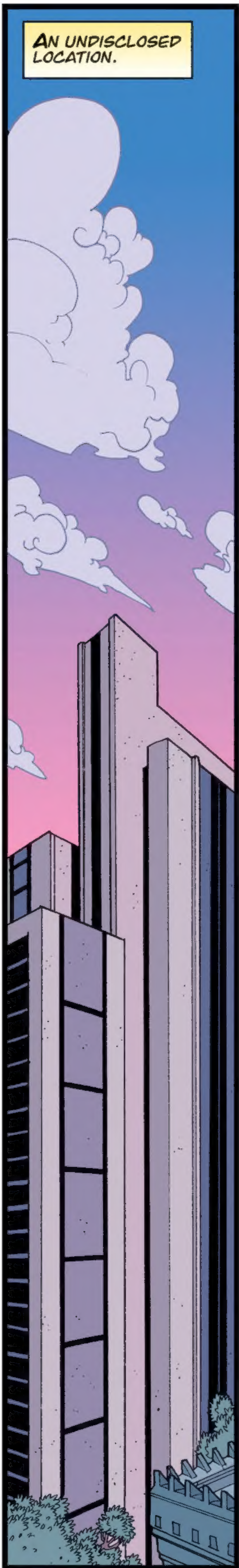
YES, PLEASE--AND I ALMOST FORGOT TO MENTION: ART BROUGHT A NEW COSTUME BY FOR YOU. IT'S UPSTAIRS.

BE CAREFUL.

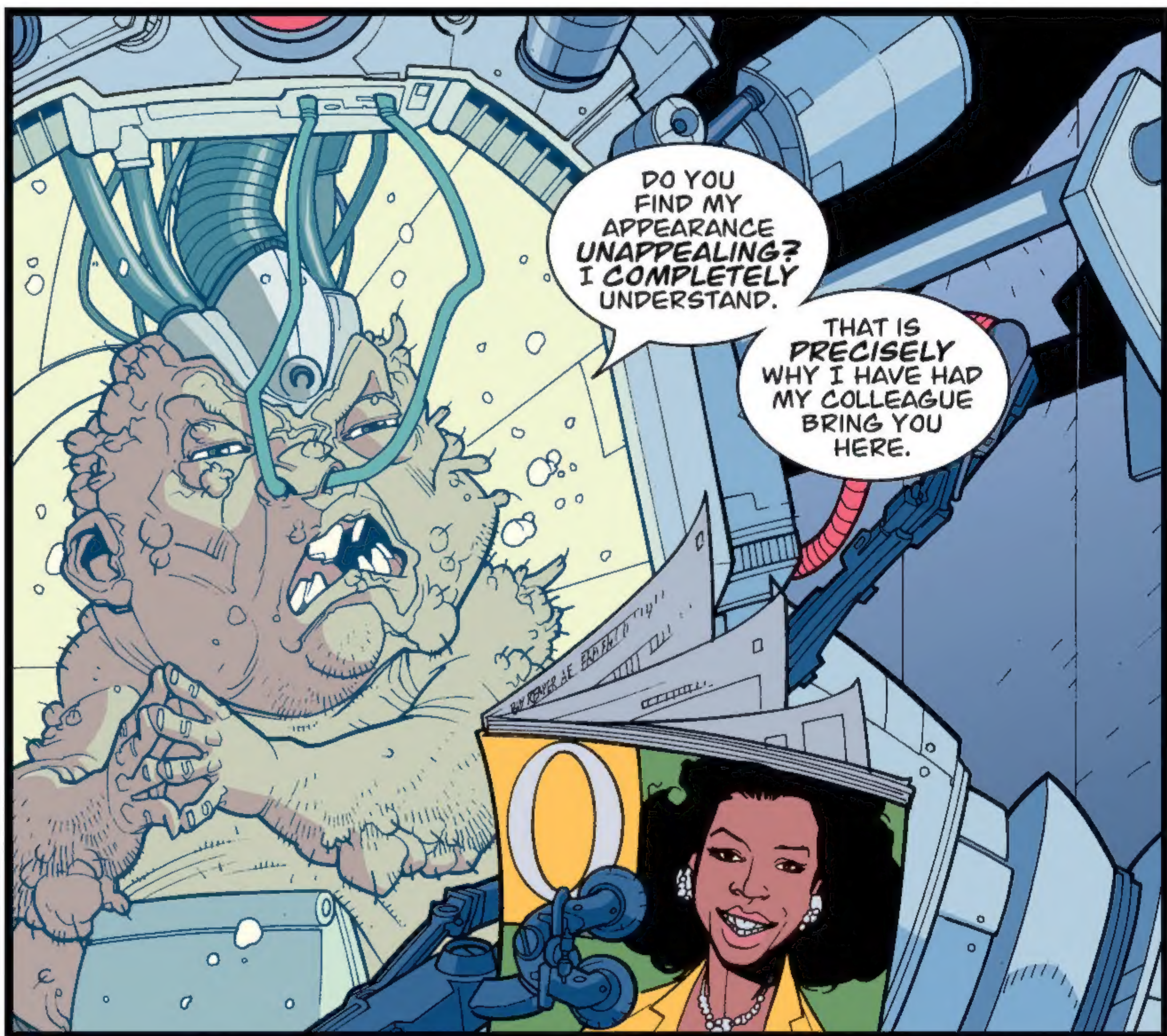
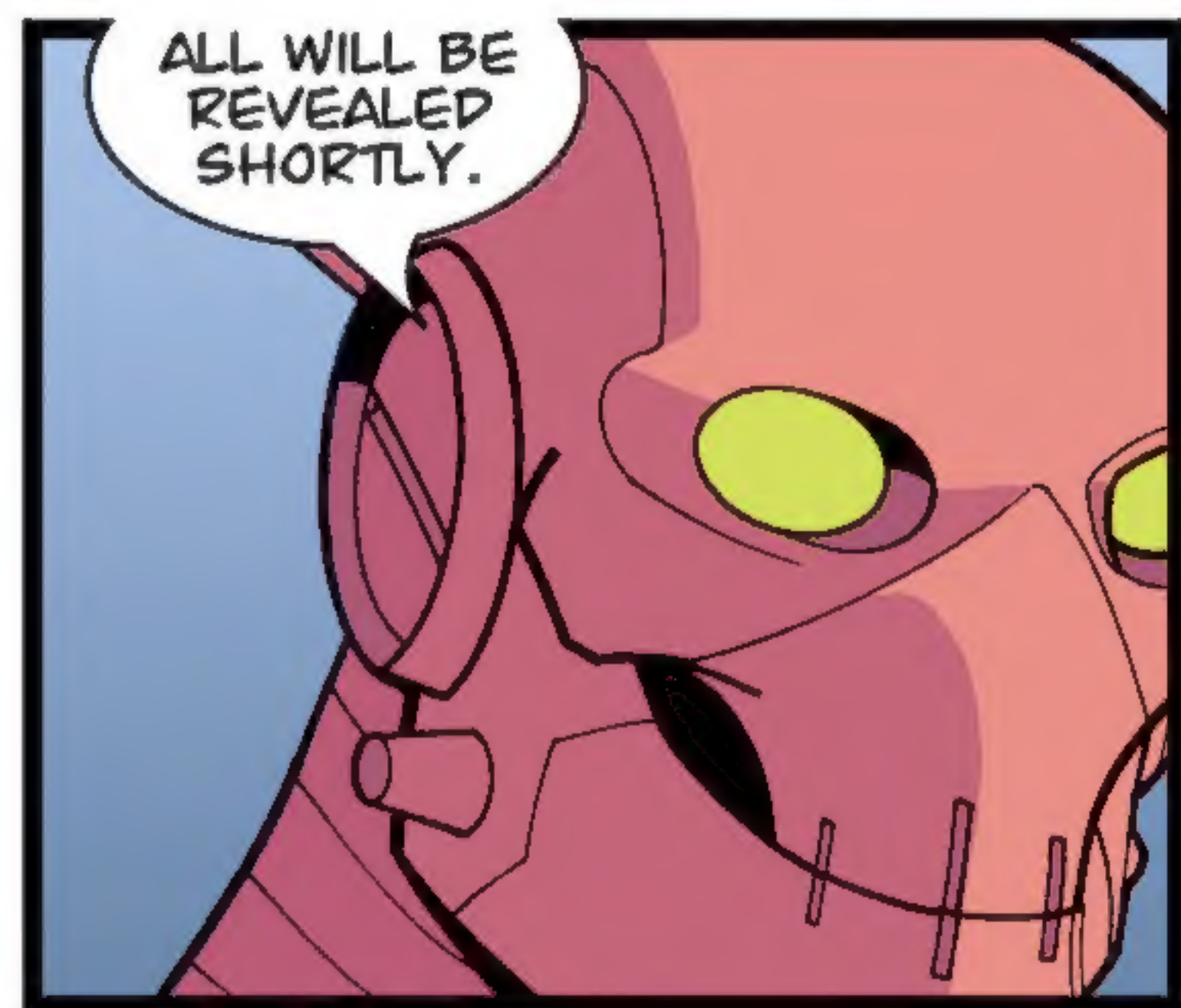
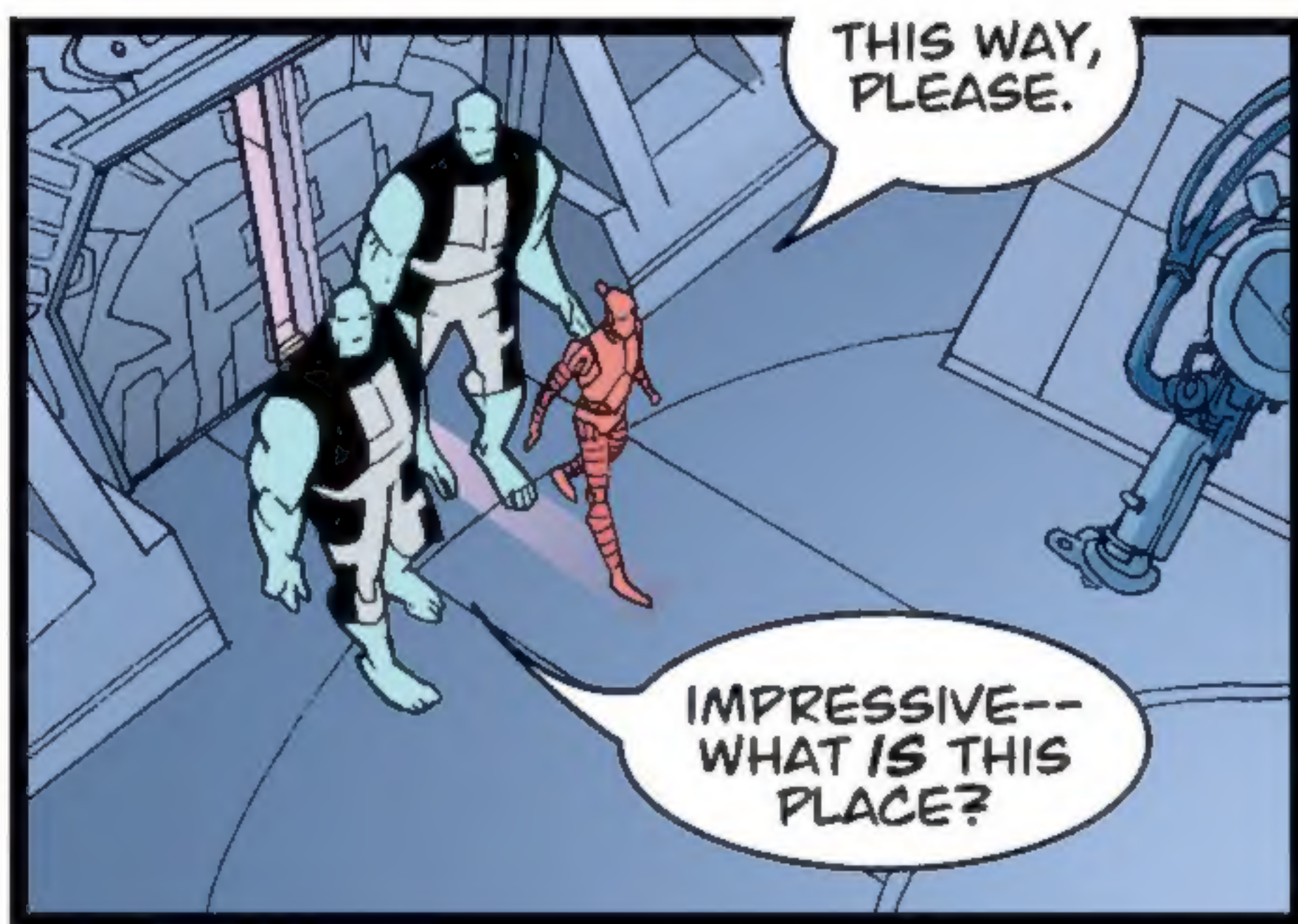
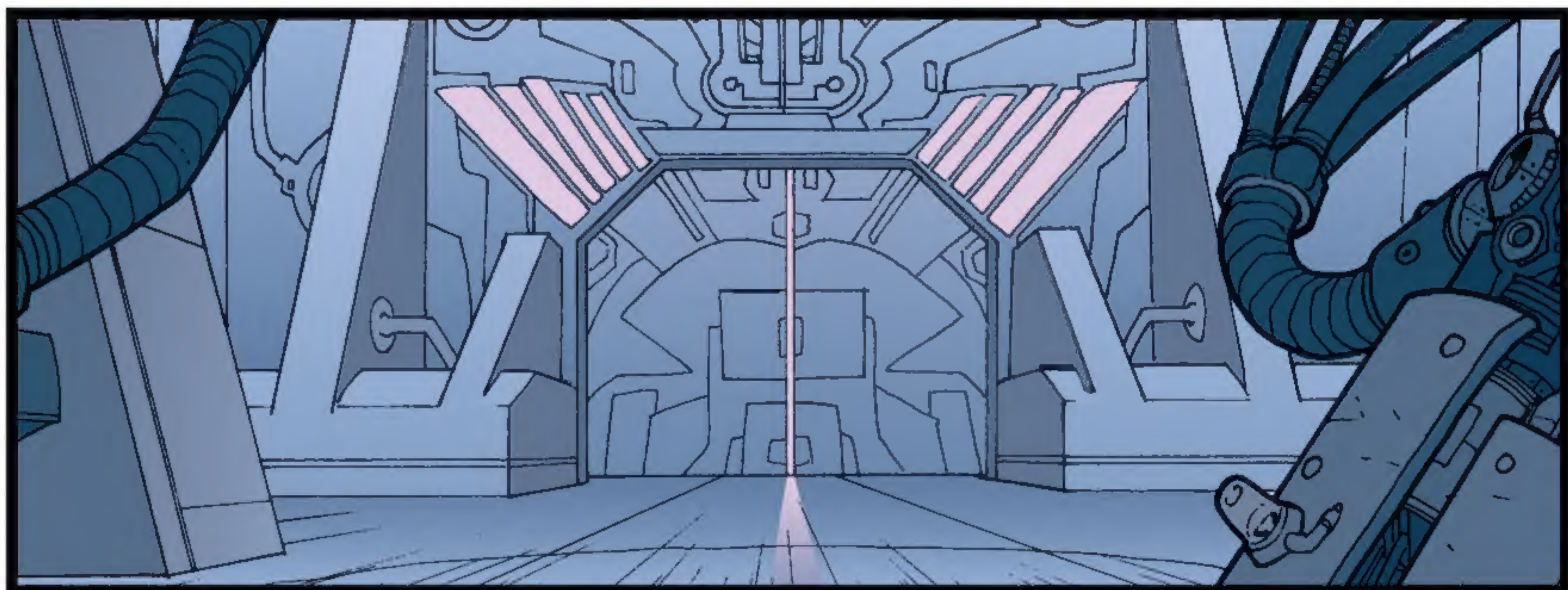
WILL DO.

YOU ARE A CUTE ONE, AREN'T YOU?

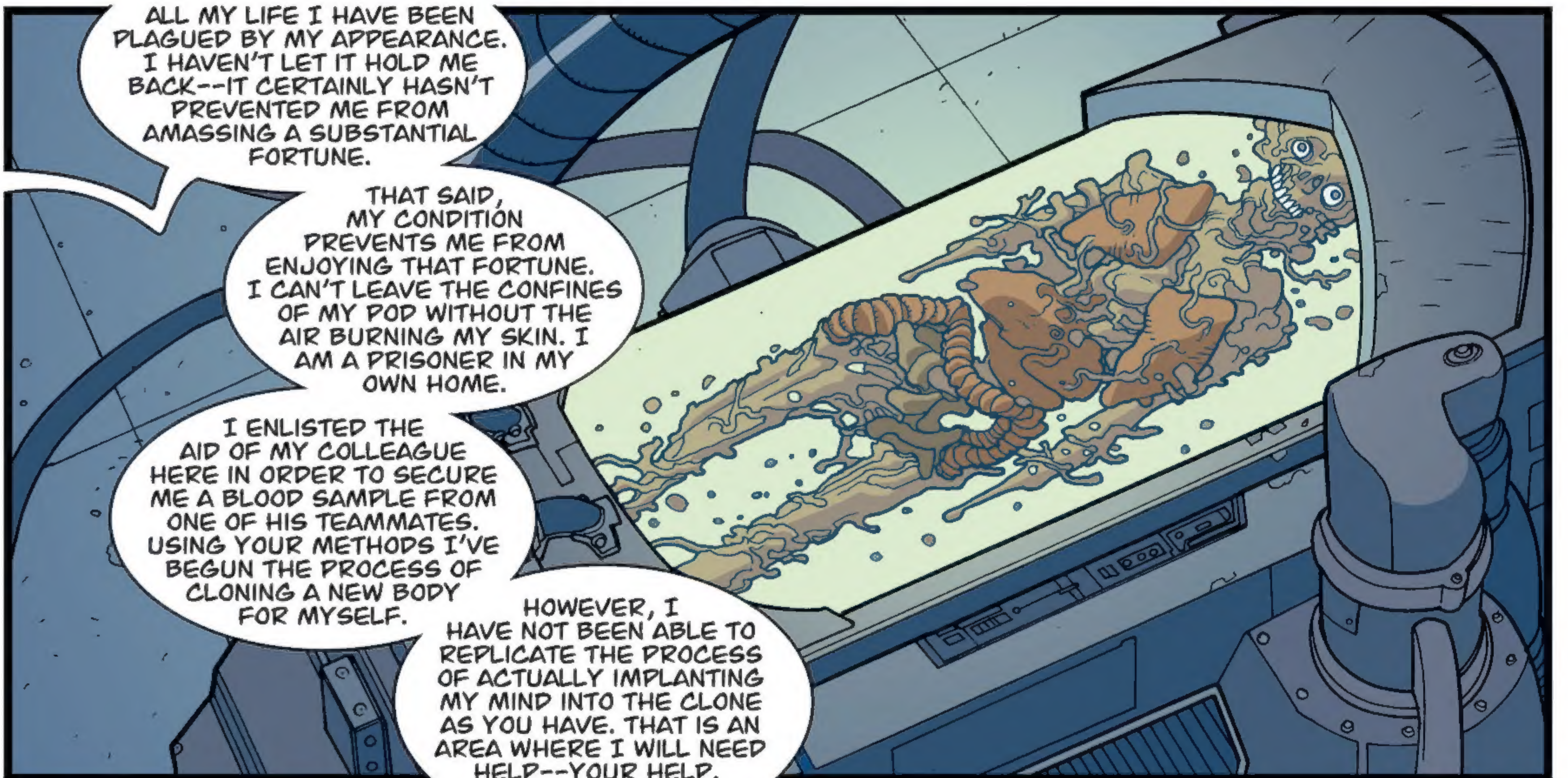
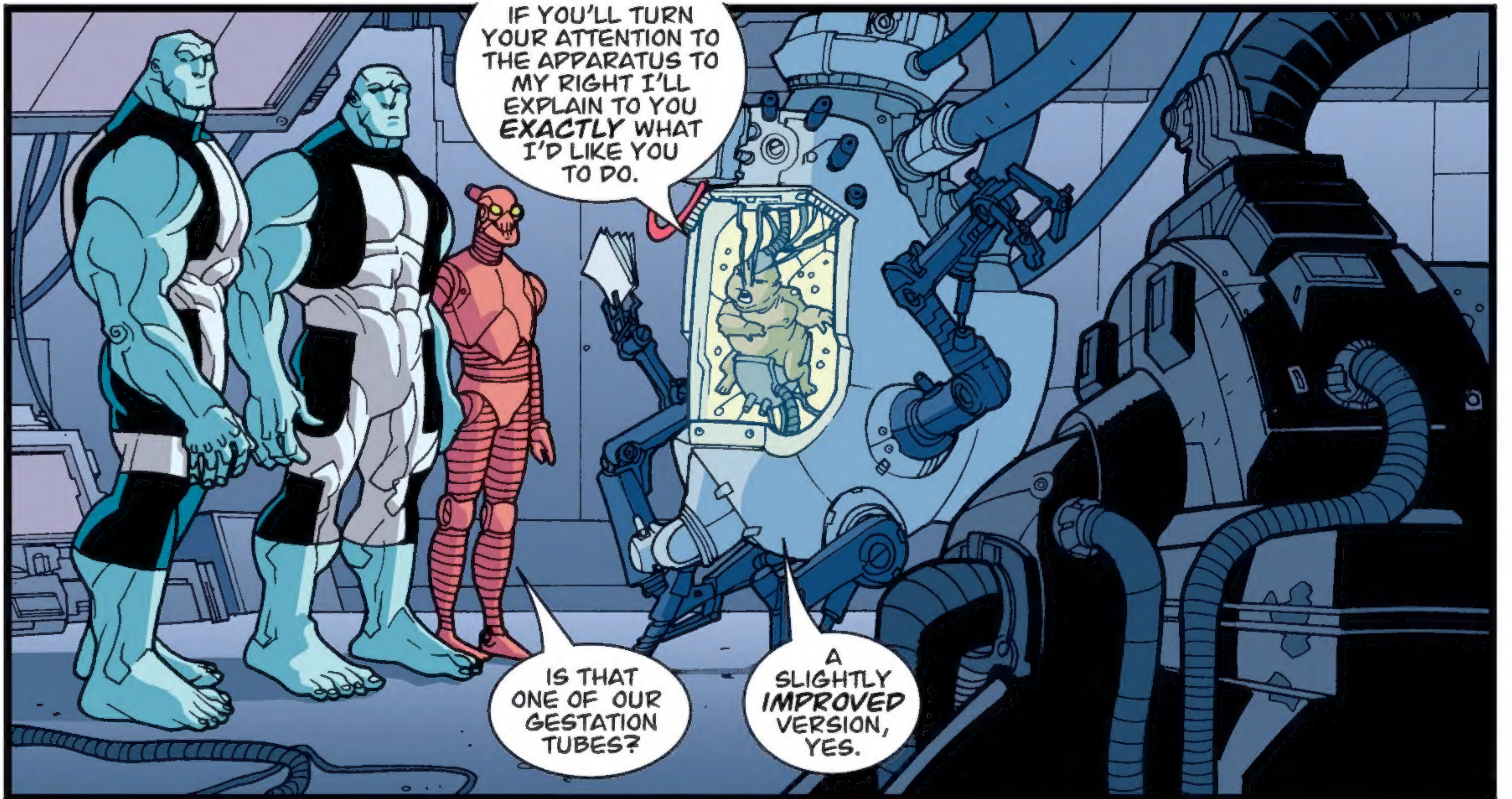




AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION.











YOU  
KIDDIN',  
RIGHT?!

THIS  
CAN'T BE  
ALL YOU  
GOT!!

915 QTO  
CLIFF





CAREFUL  
NOW--YA  
WOULDN'T WANNA  
HURT ANY UH THESE  
INNOCENT  
BYSTANDERS NOW  
WOULD YA?!



WE'VE GOT TO MAKE  
THIS **QUICK**, PEOPLE--  
SOMEONE KNOCK HIM  
OUT BEFORE ANYONE  
GETS KILLED!

HELP  
US!

I  
CAN'T  
STOP!



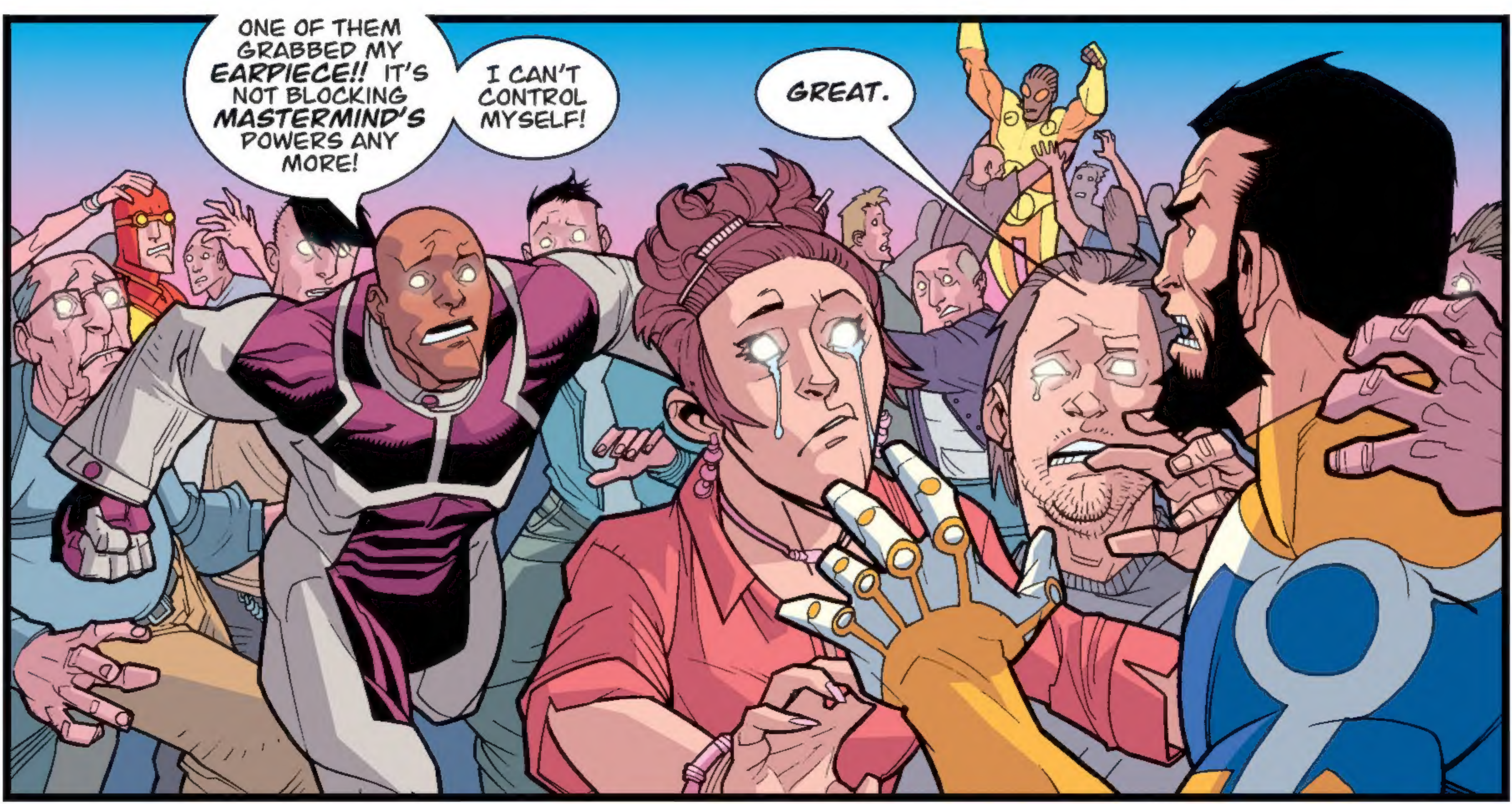
WE'RE TRYING,  
IMMORTAL!

OUT OF  
THE WAY--  
FIGHT HIS  
CONTROL--WE'RE  
TRYING TO **SAVE**  
YOU!



WE **CAN'T**!  
I CAN'T  
CONTROL  
MYSELF!

**CRAP!**

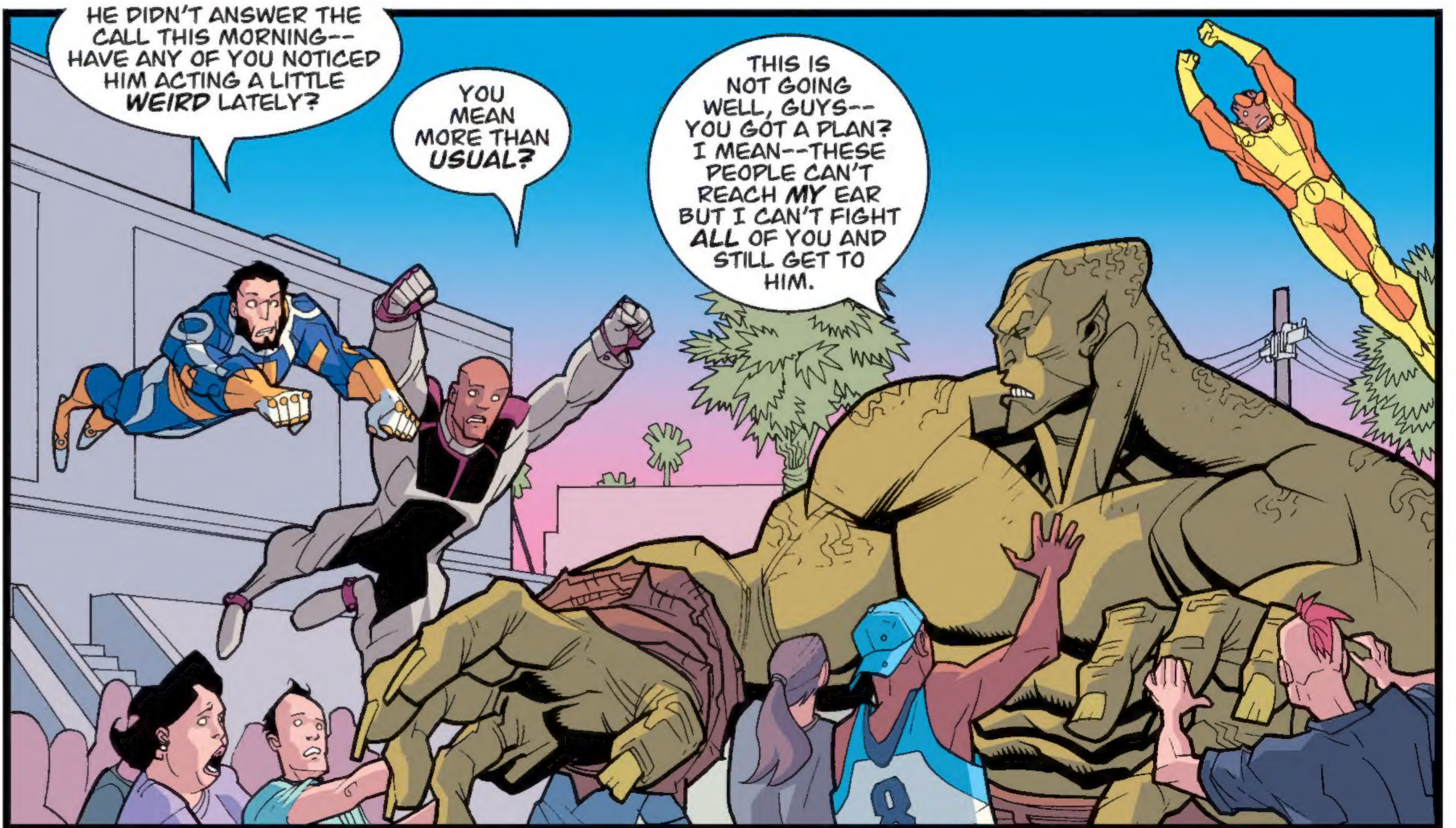


ONE OF THEM  
GRABBED MY  
**EARPiece!!** IT'S  
NOT BLOCKING  
**MASTERMIND'S**  
POWERS ANY  
MORE!

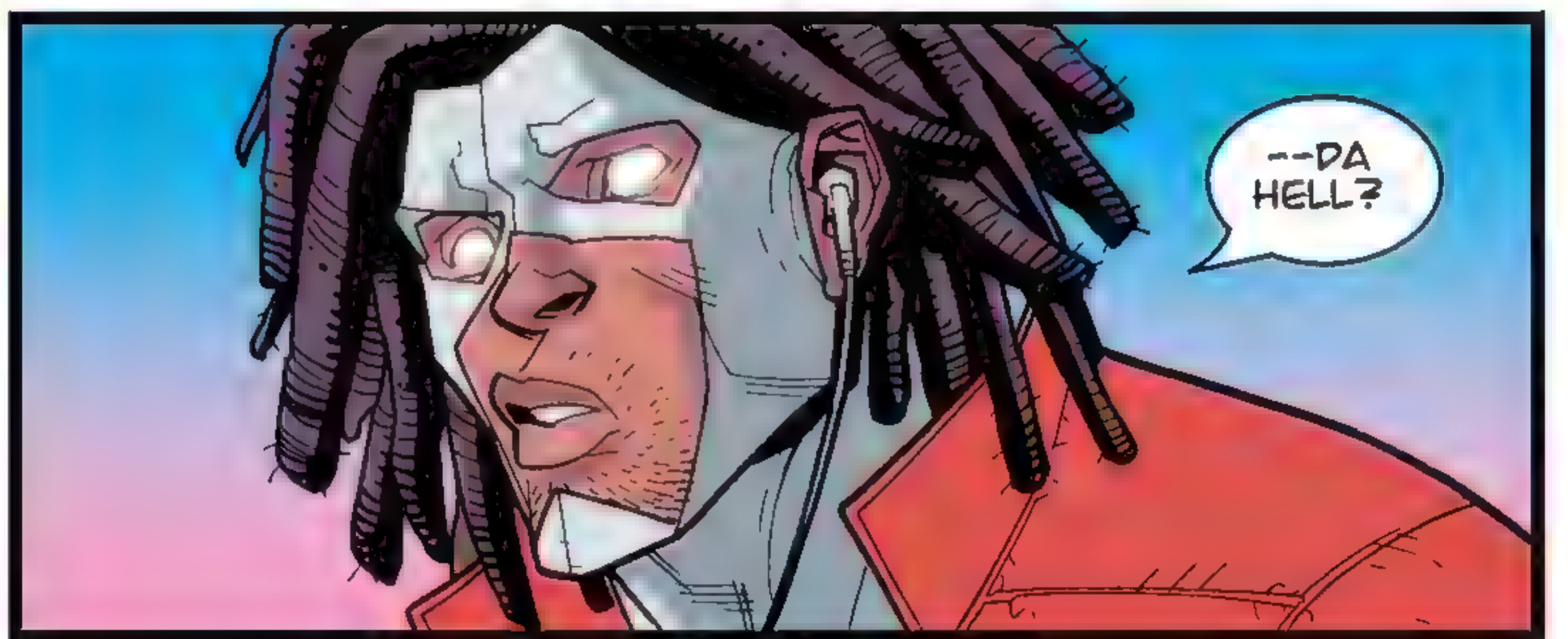
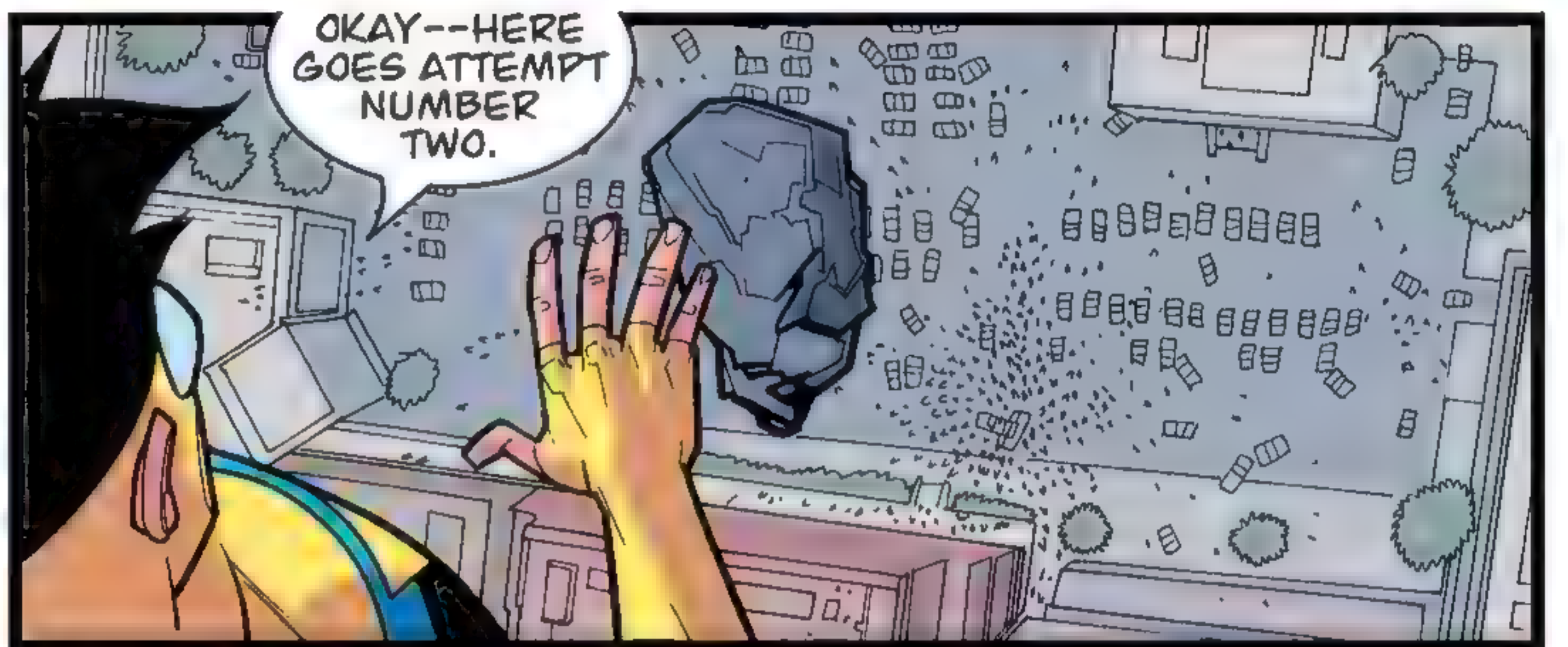
I CAN'T  
CONTROL  
MYSELF!

**GREAT.**





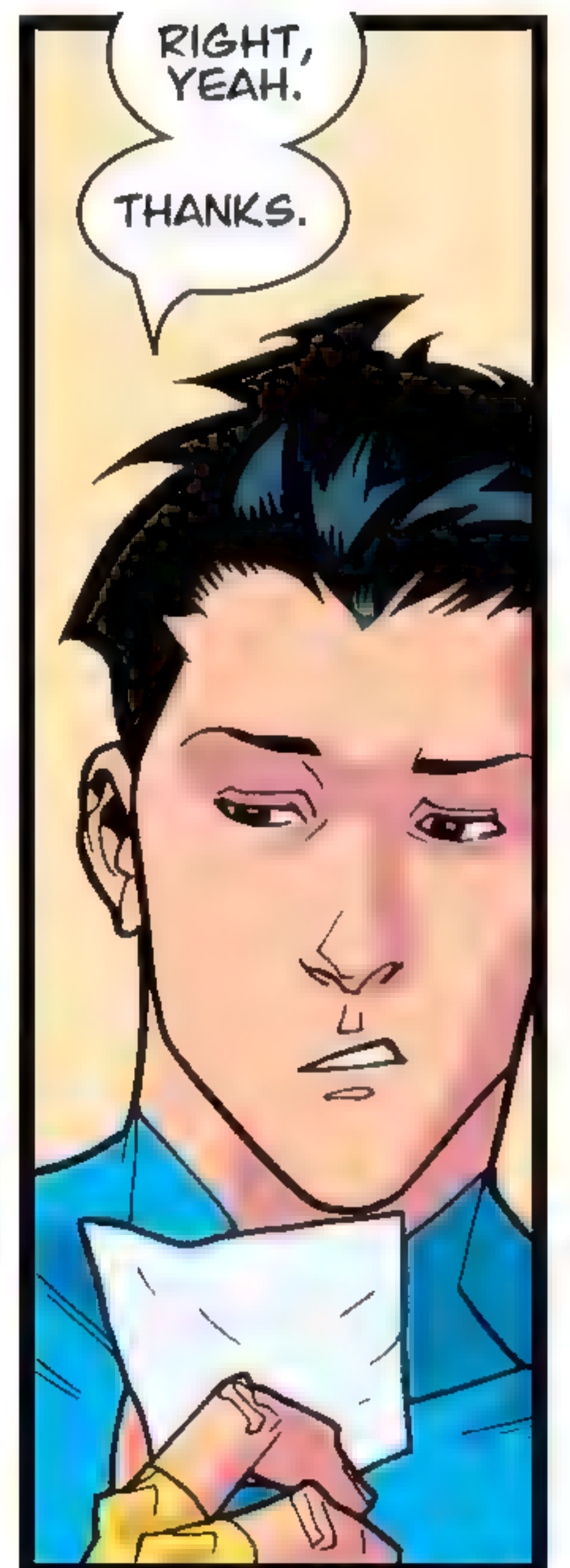
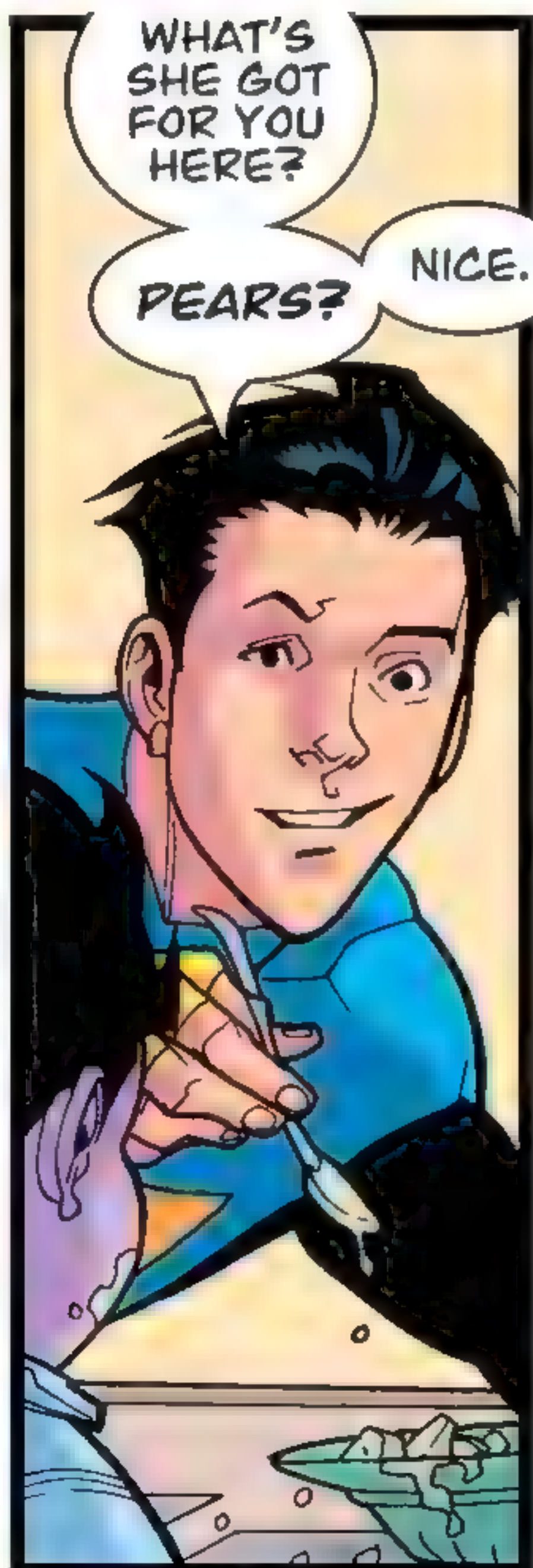
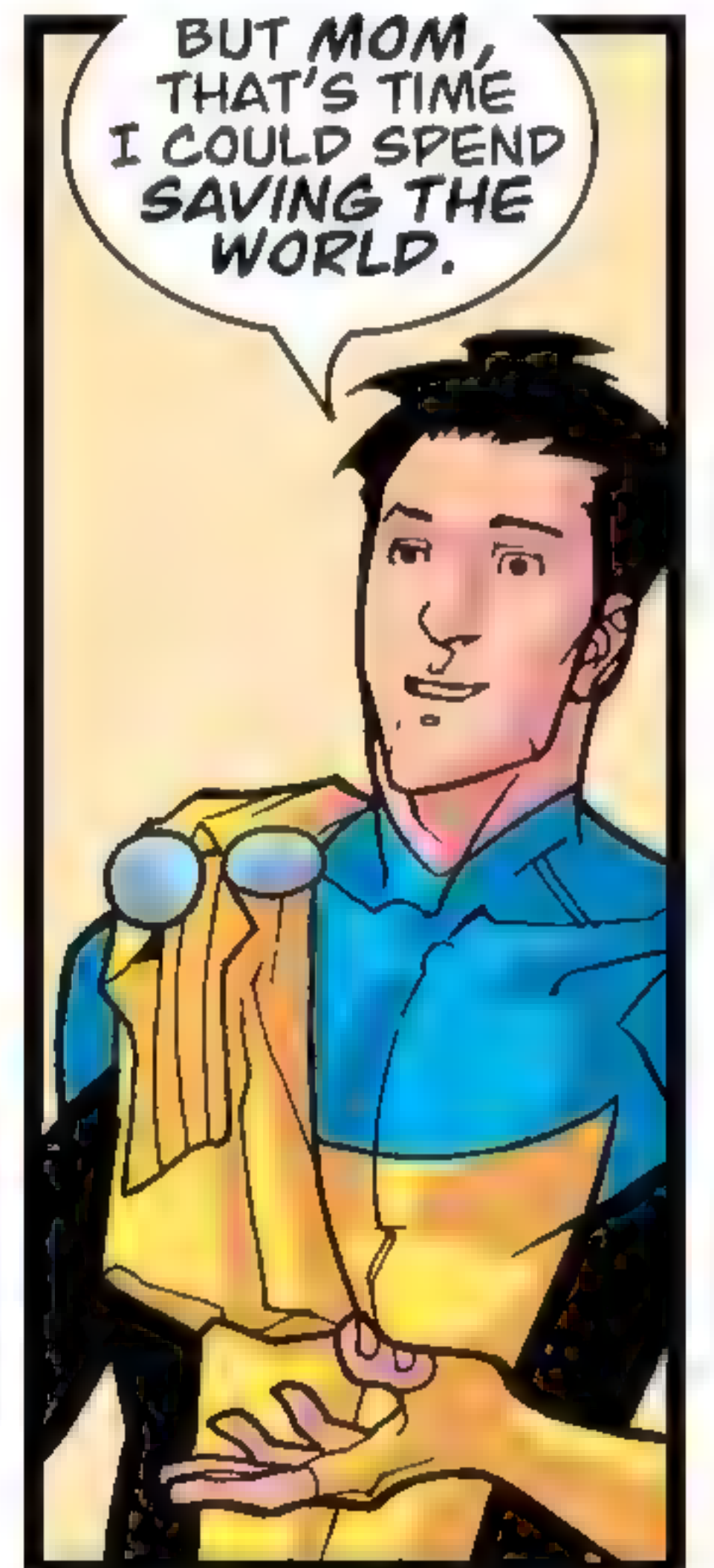
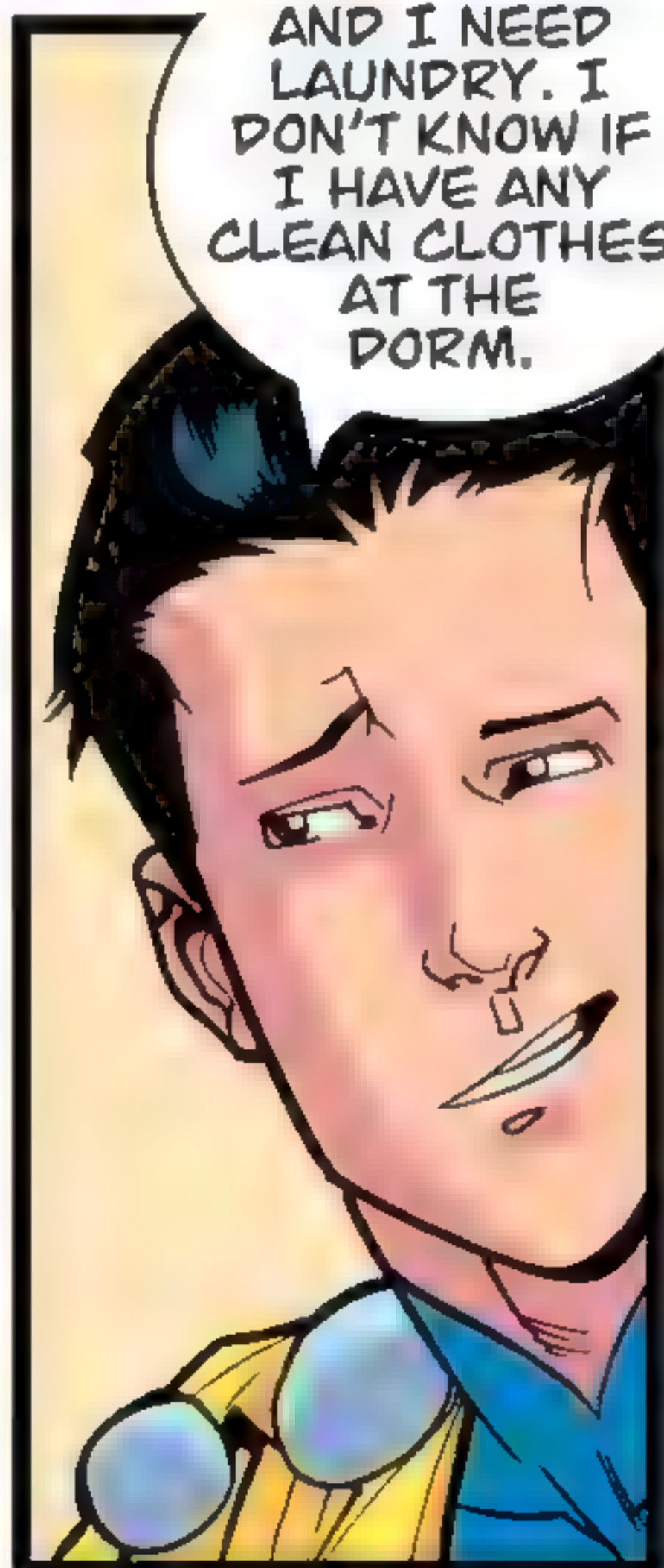
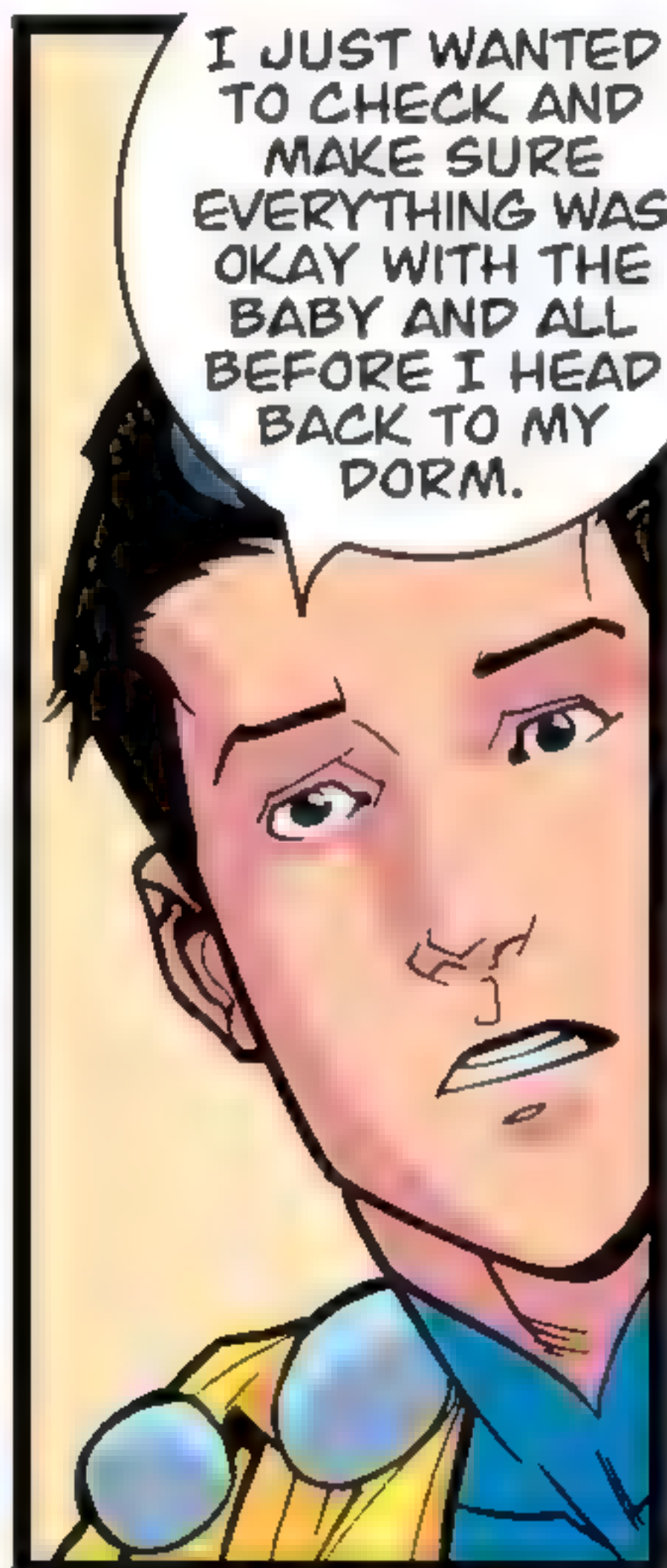
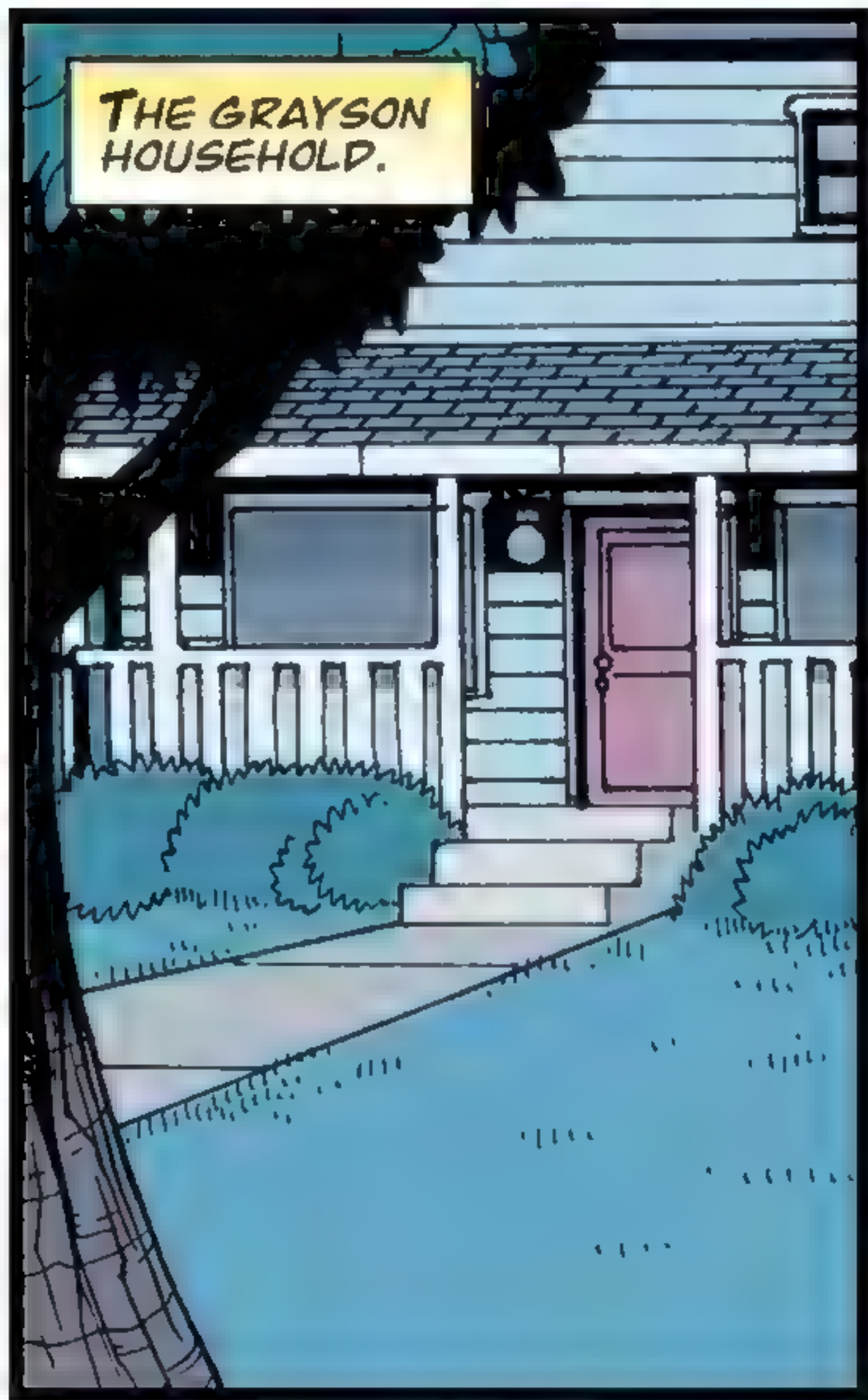




















AMBER'S DORM.

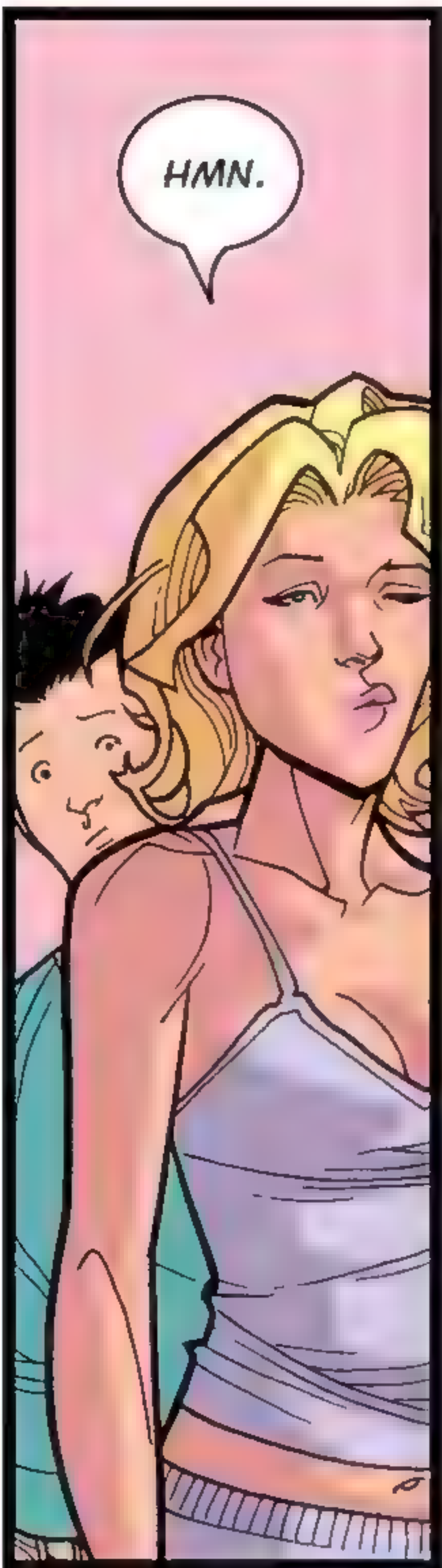


HUH?

JEEZ.



GOOD MORNING. LISTEN, YOU REALLY SHOULD STOP LOCKING YOUR WINDOW. I'M GOING TO GET SPOTTED OUT THERE WAITING FOR YOU TO OPEN IT ONE DAY.

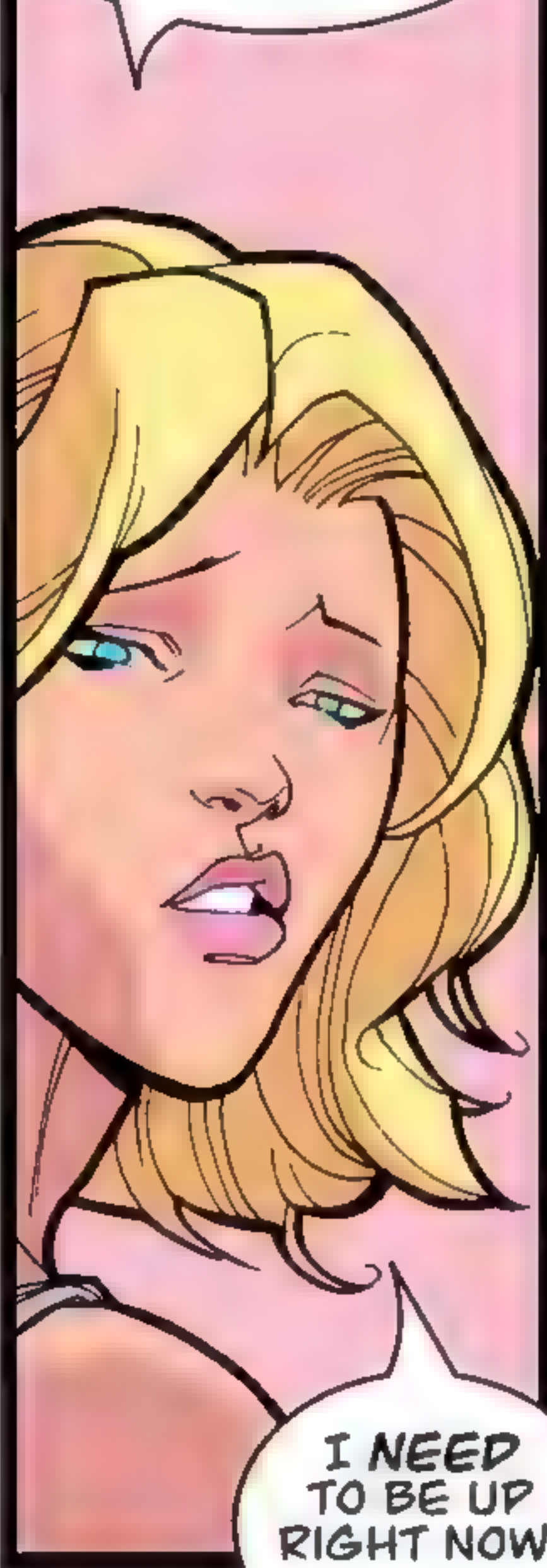


HMN.

DID I WAKE YOU UP? I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU'D BE UP ALREADY. DO YOU WANT ME TO LEAVE SO YOU CAN GO BACK TO SLEEP?



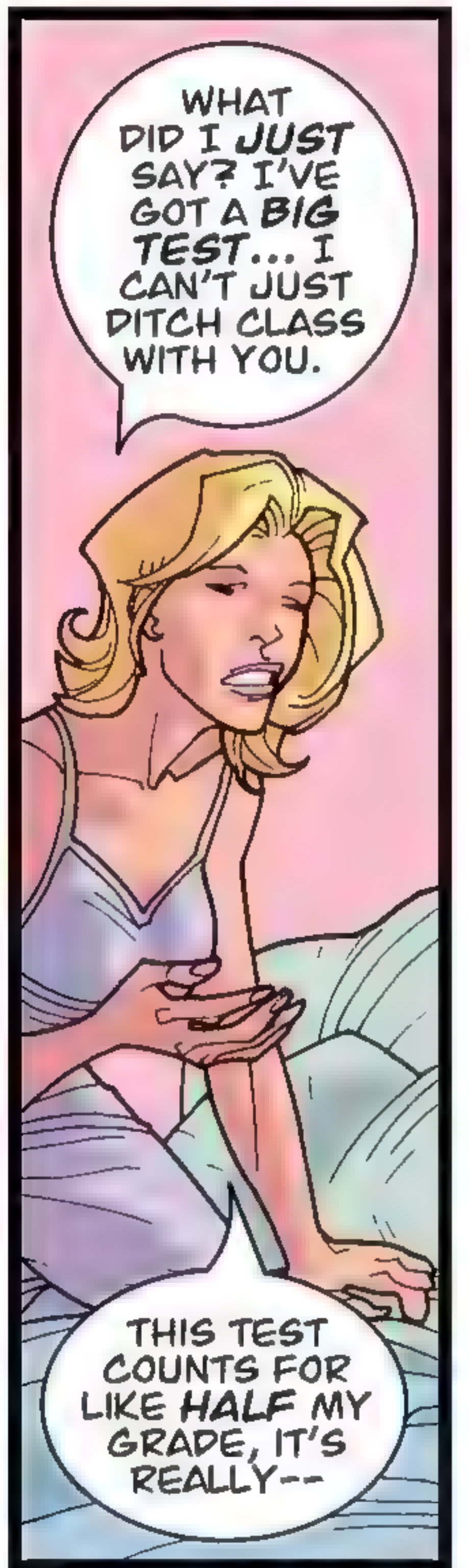
NO, NO... **STAY.** PLEASE. I'VE GOT A BIG TEST IN AN HOUR. I WAS UP LATE STUDYING AND THERE'S STILL A LOT OF STUFF I NEED TO LOOK OVER.



I NEED TO BE UP RIGHT NOW.

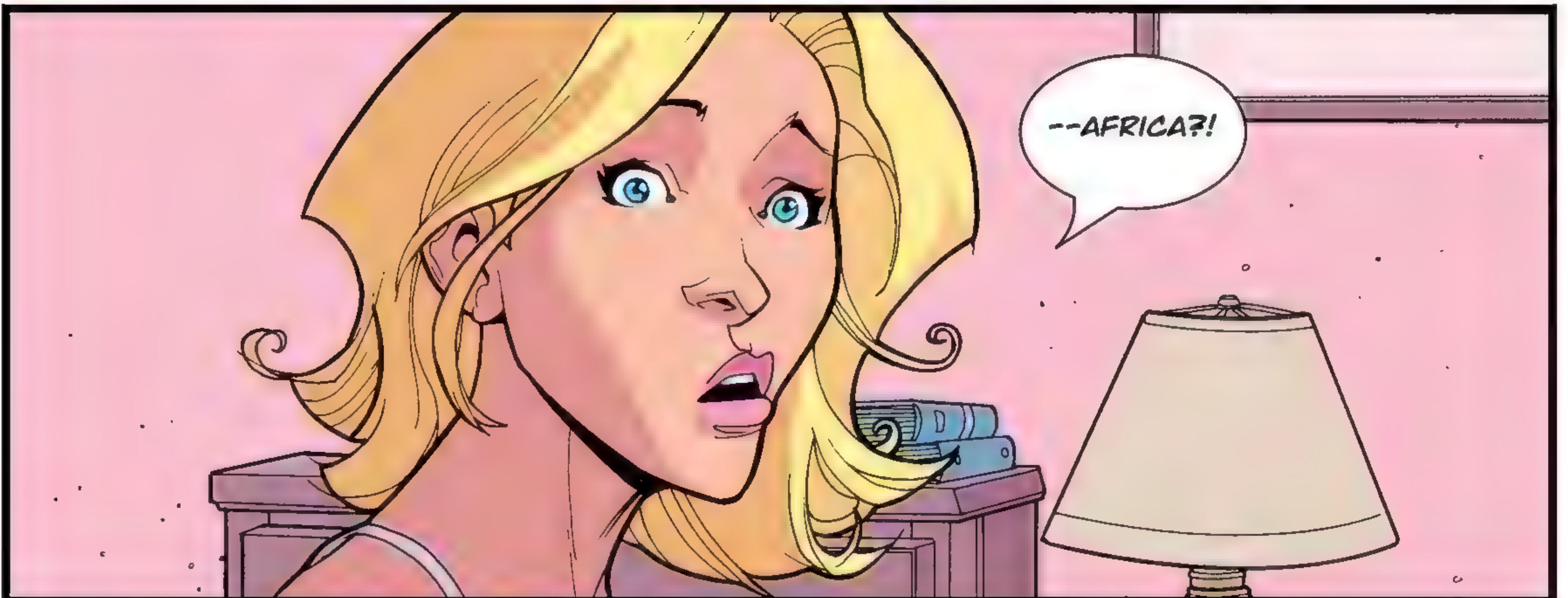


COOL. SO... YOU WANT TO **DITCH CLASS** WITH ME? WE COULD GO TO **AFRICA.**



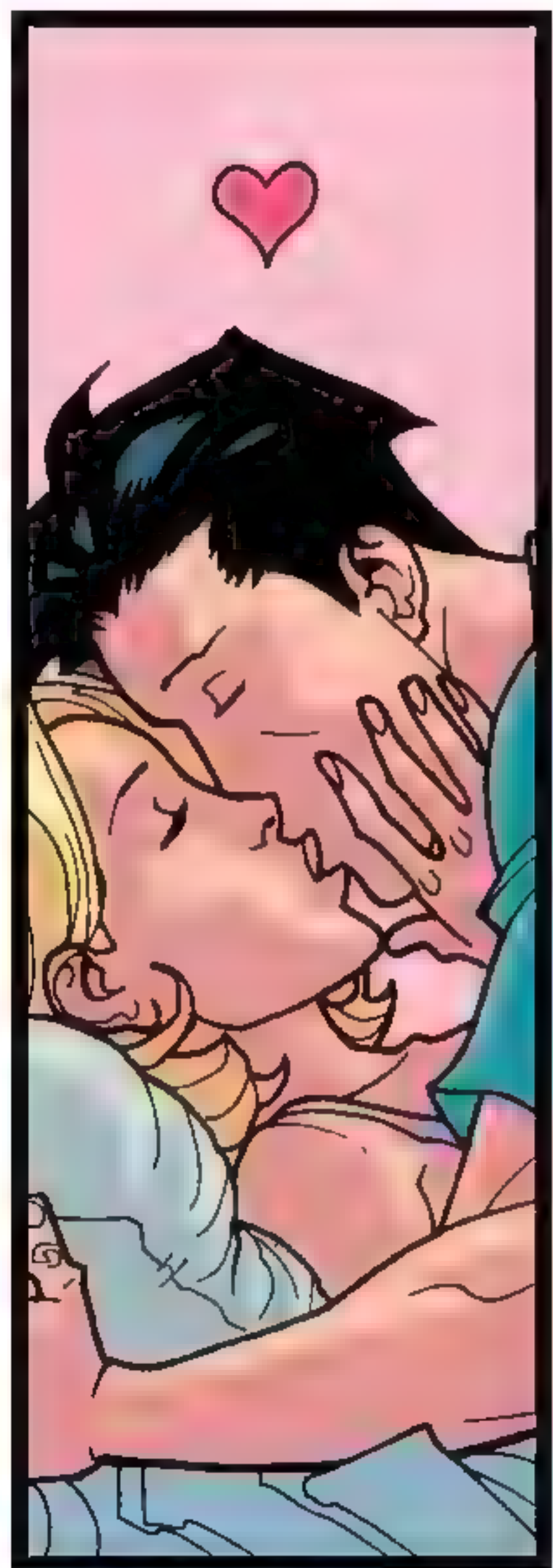
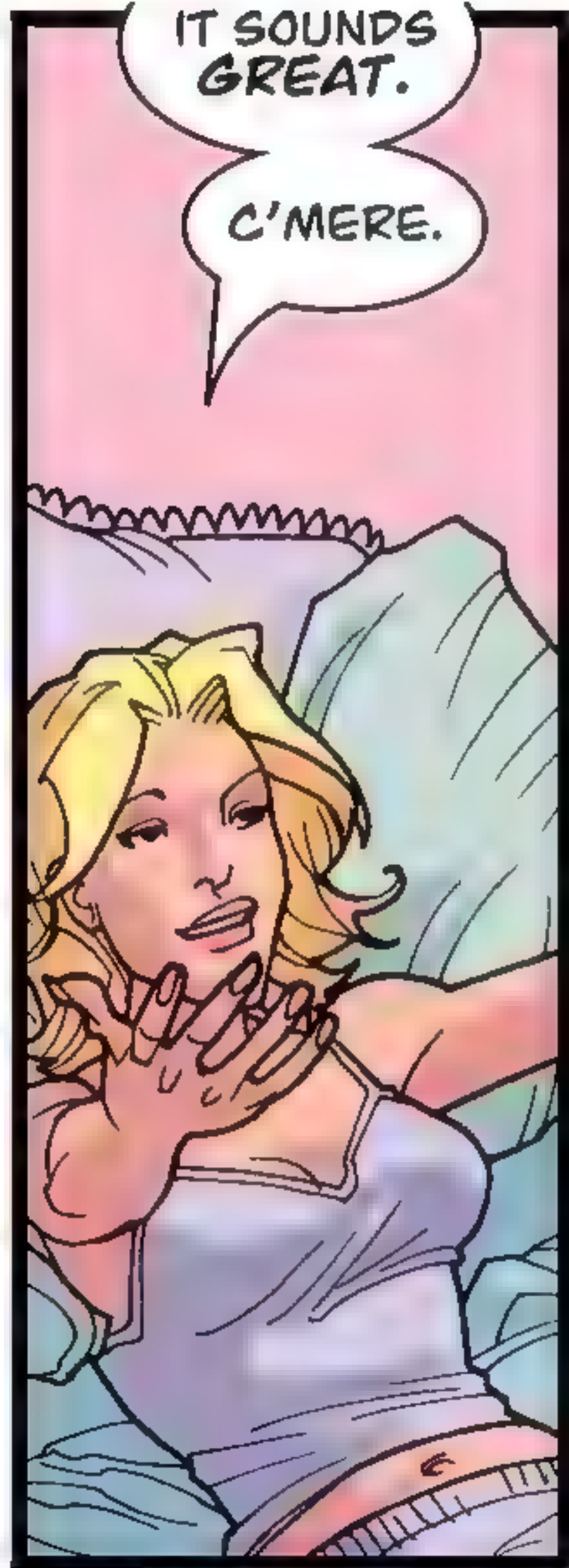
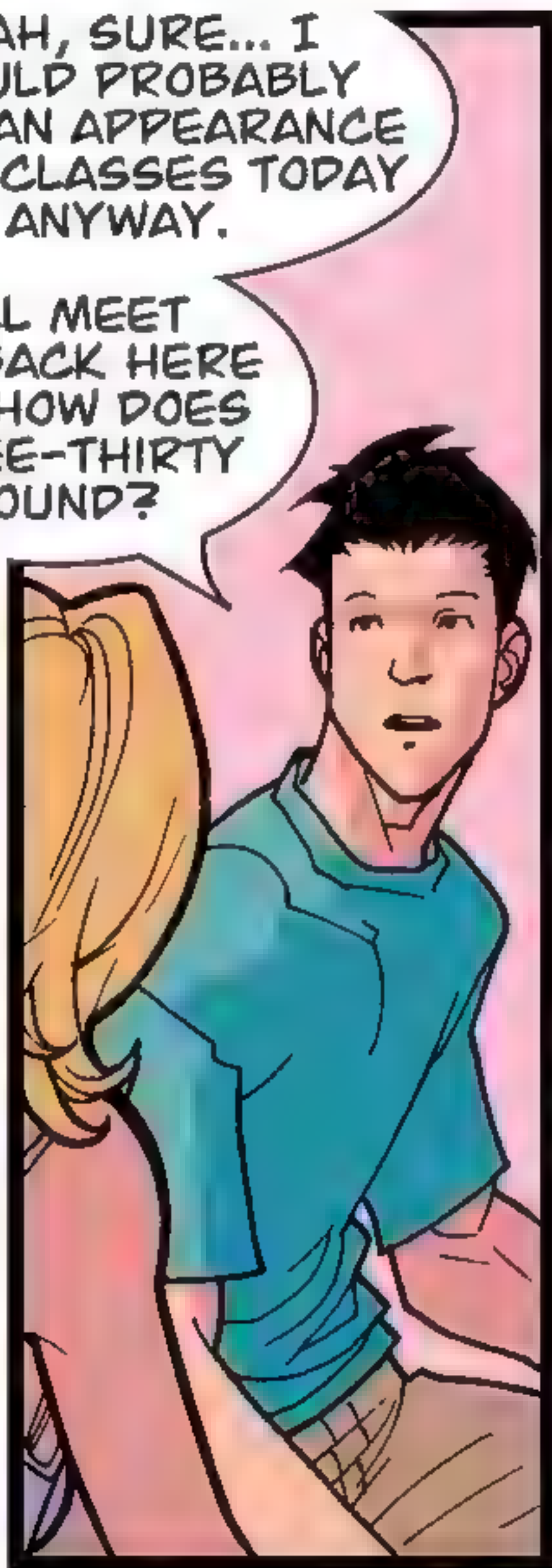
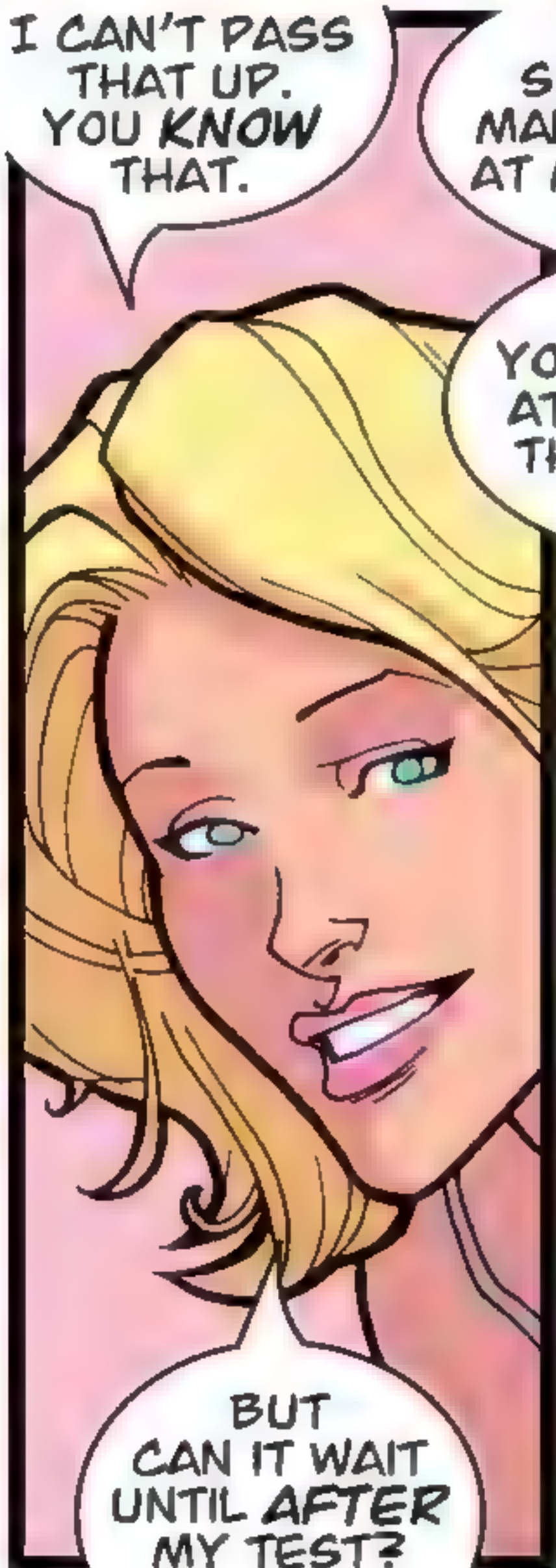
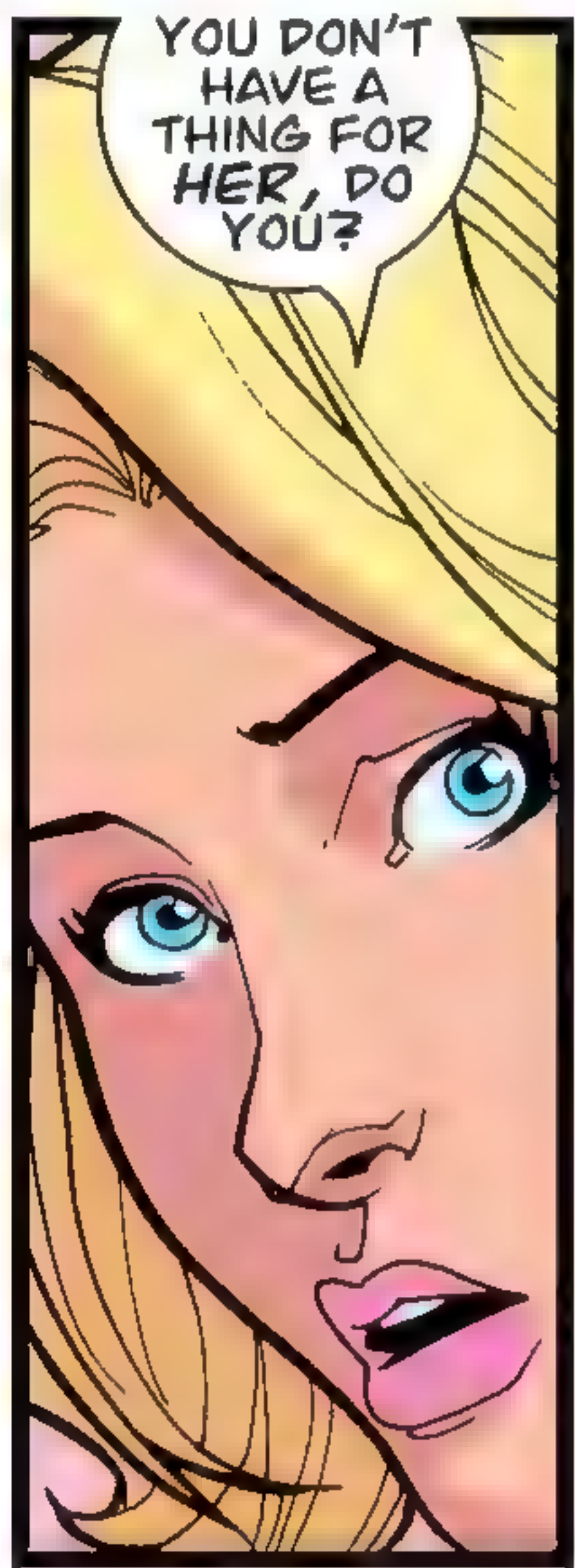
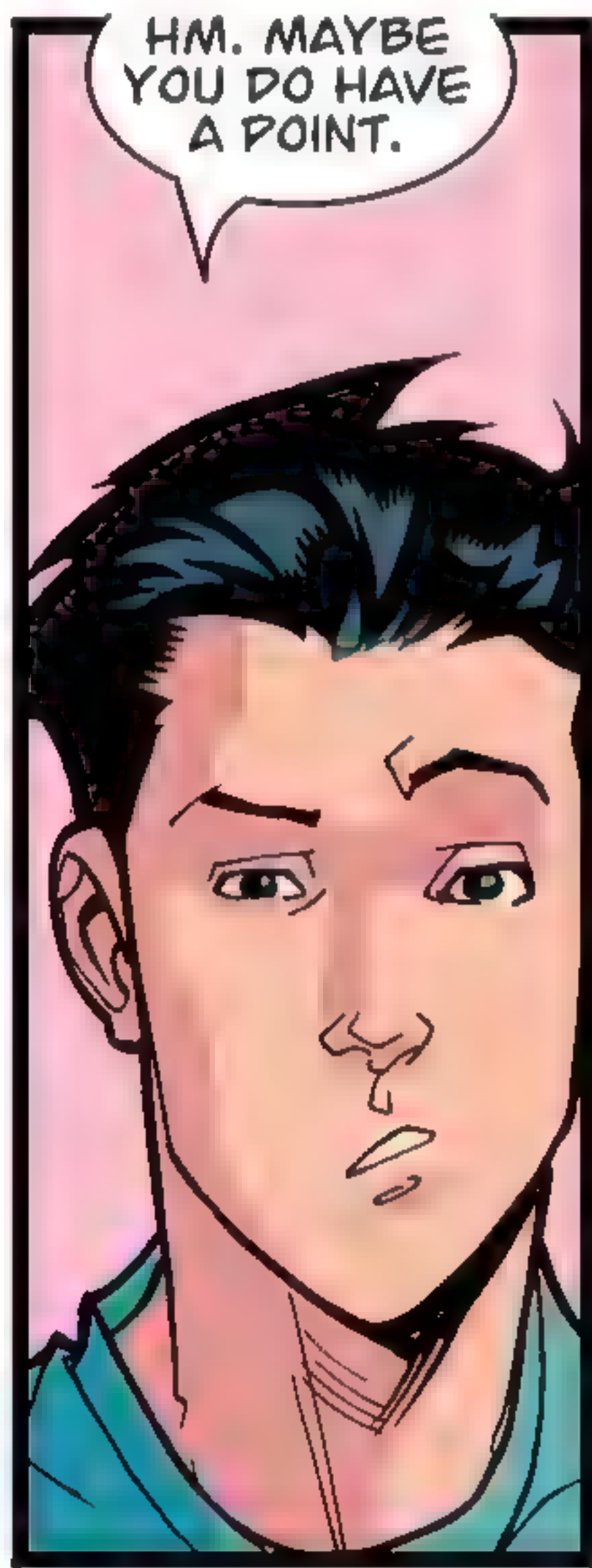
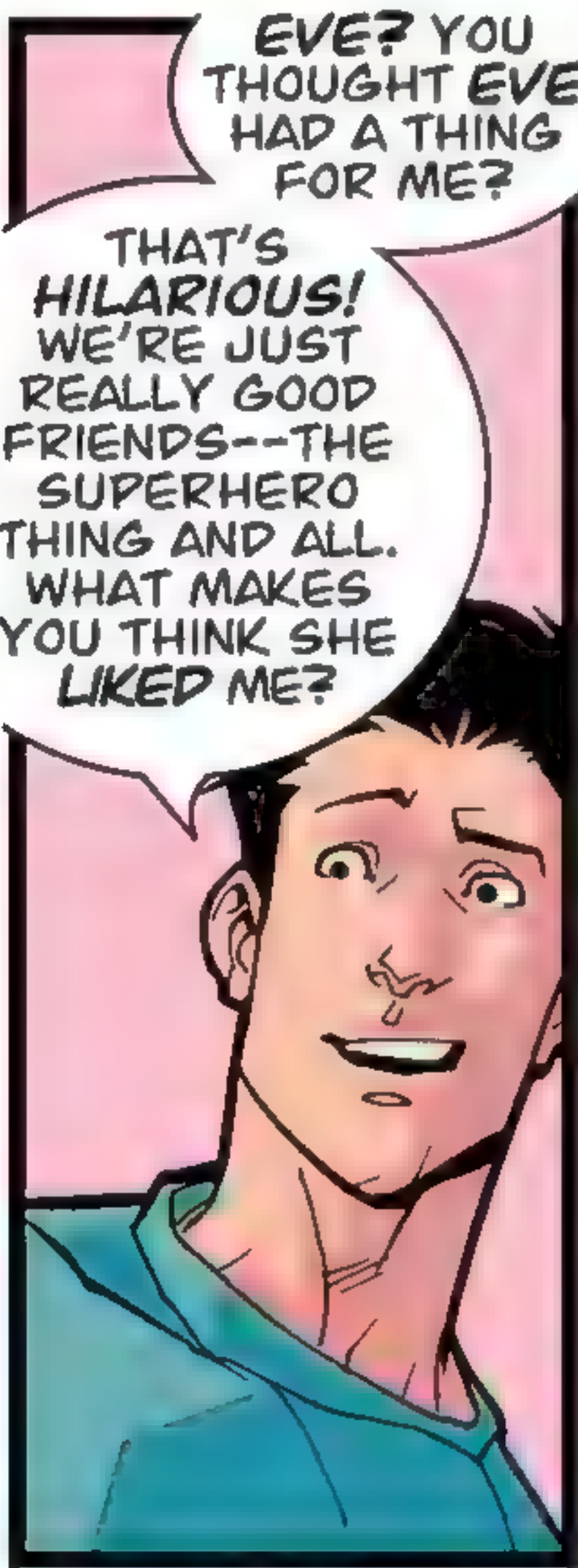
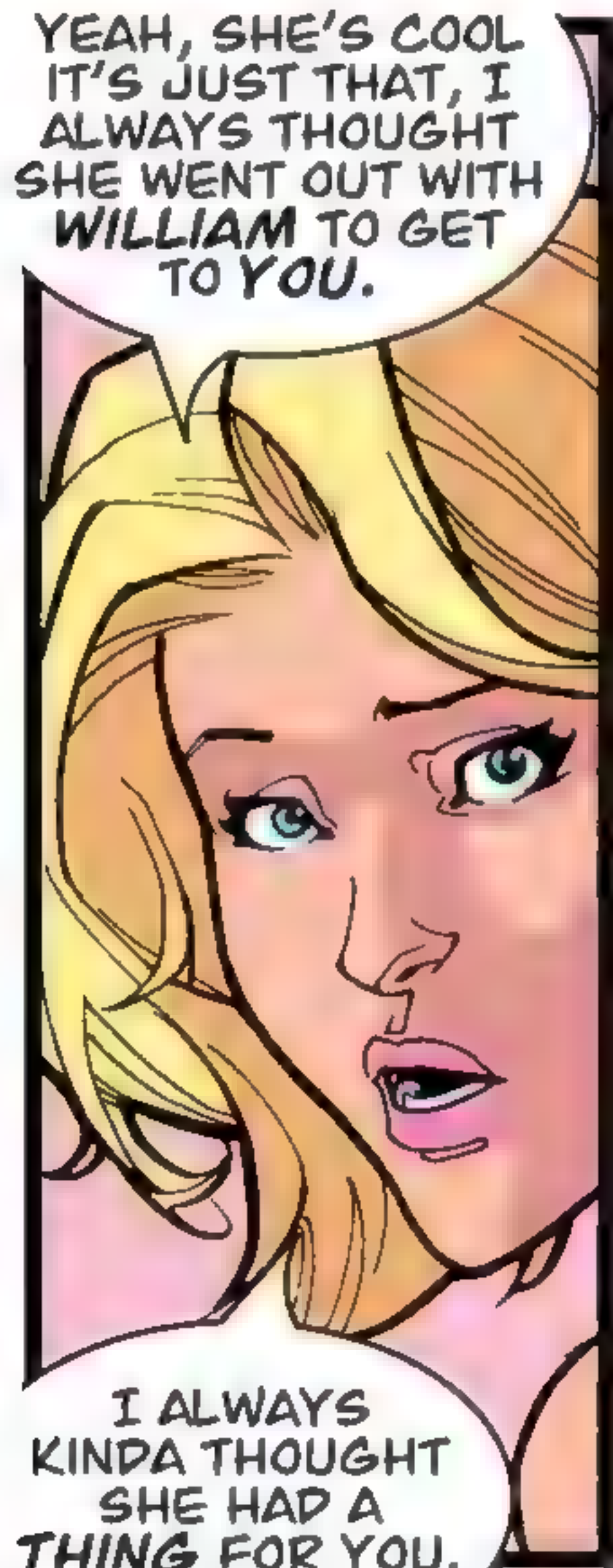
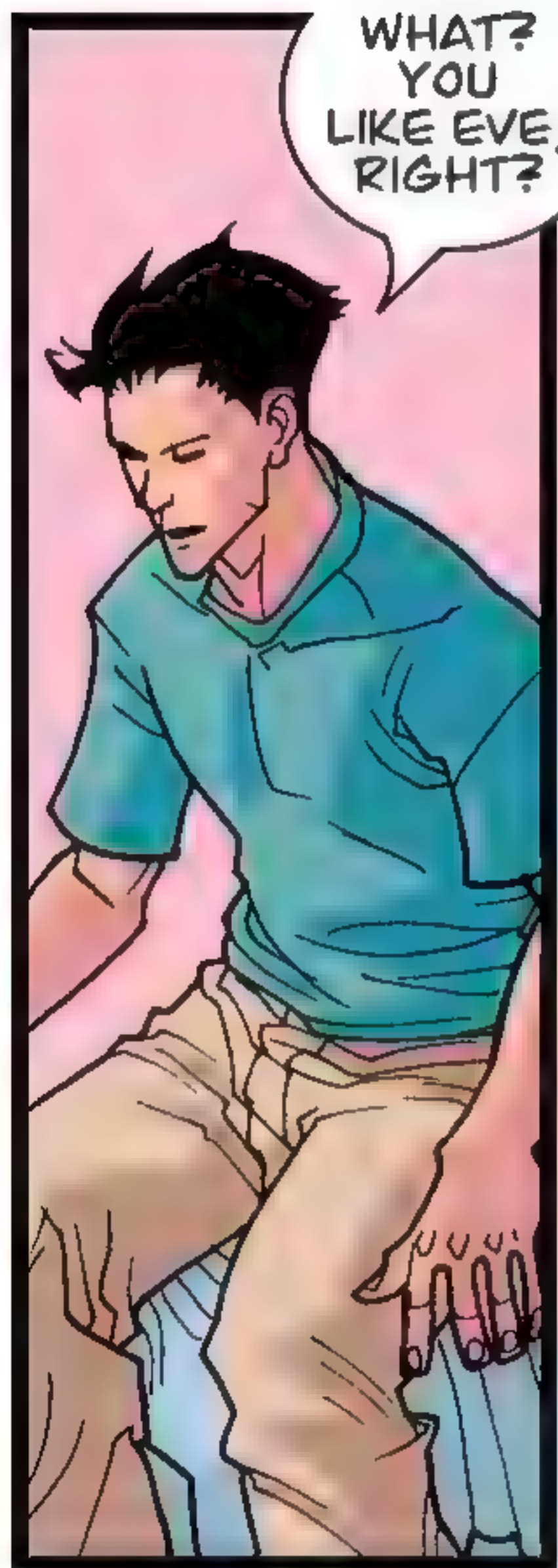
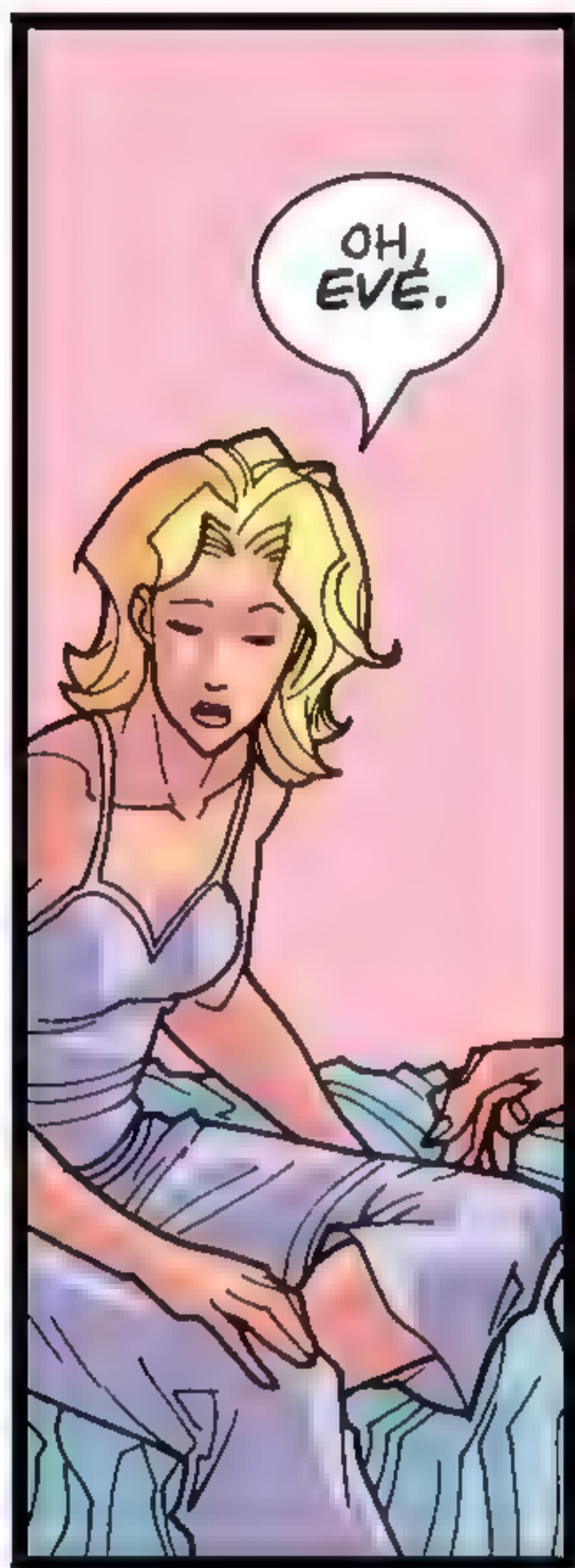
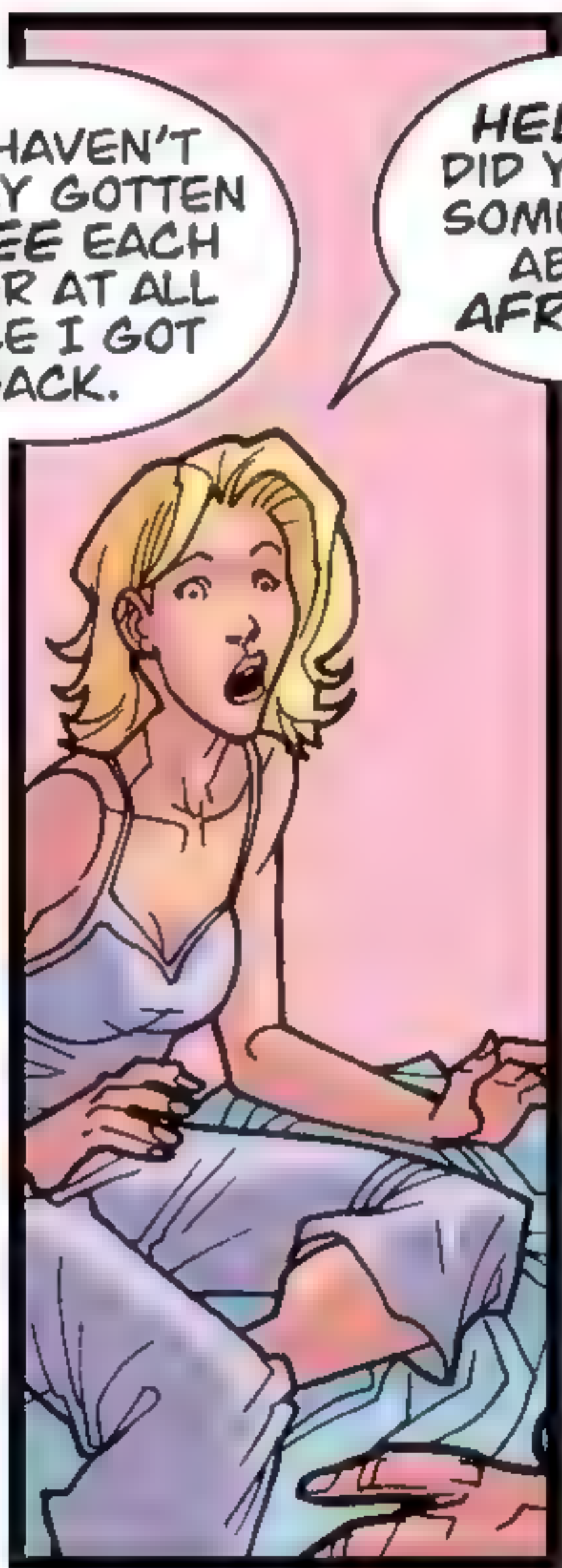
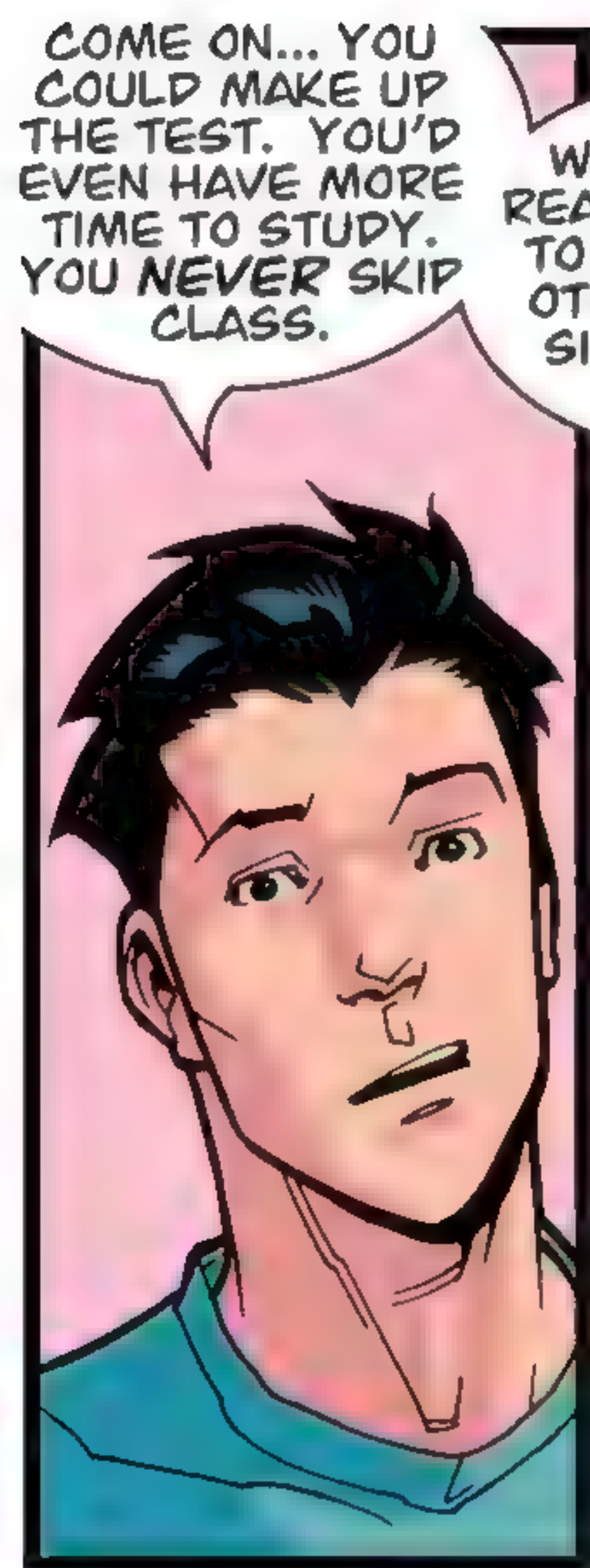
WHAT DID I **JUST** SAY? I'VE GOT A **BIG TEST...** I CAN'T JUST **DITCH CLASS** WITH YOU.

THIS TEST COUNTS FOR LIKE **HALF** MY GRADE, IT'S **REALLY--**



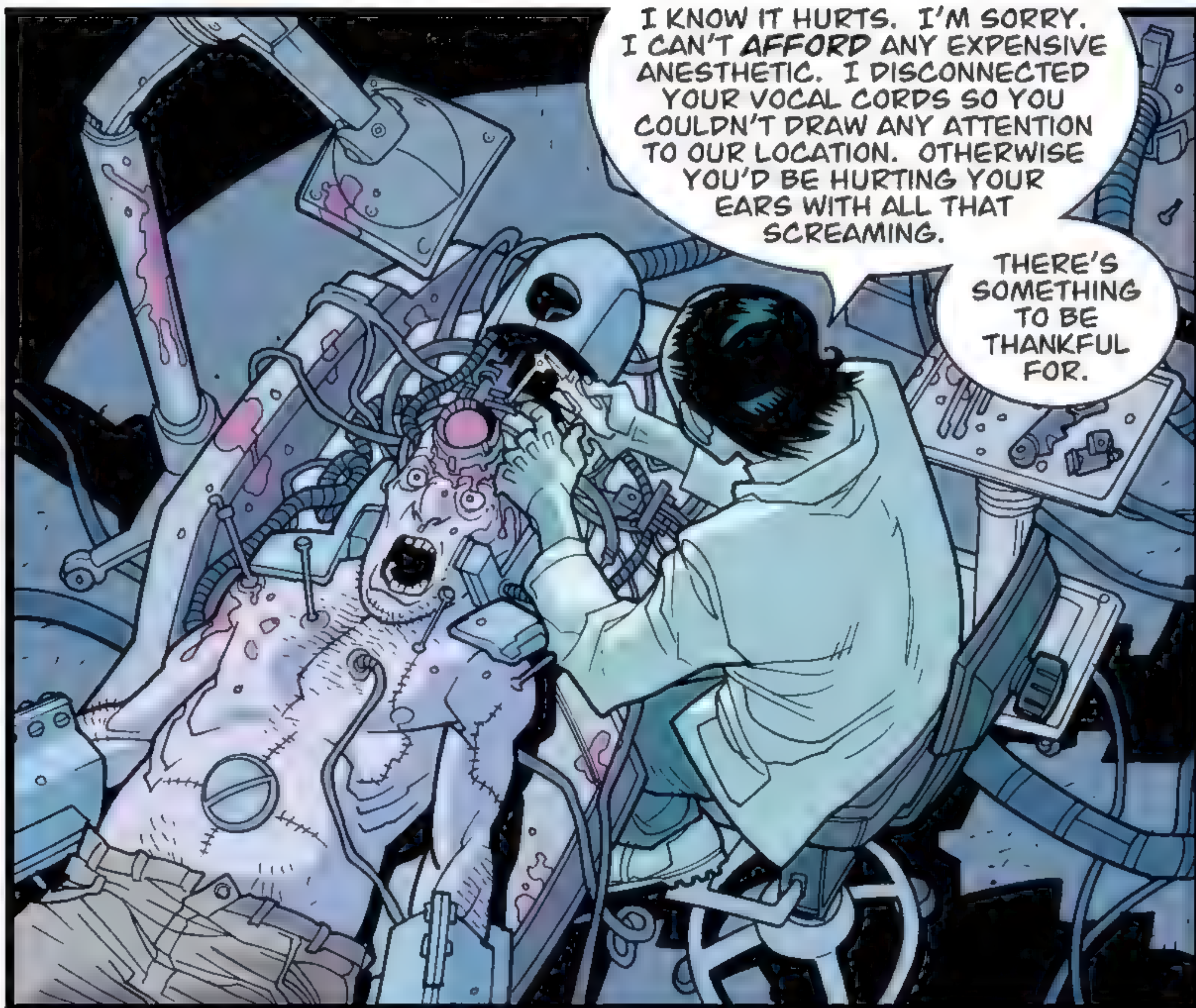
--AFRICA?!







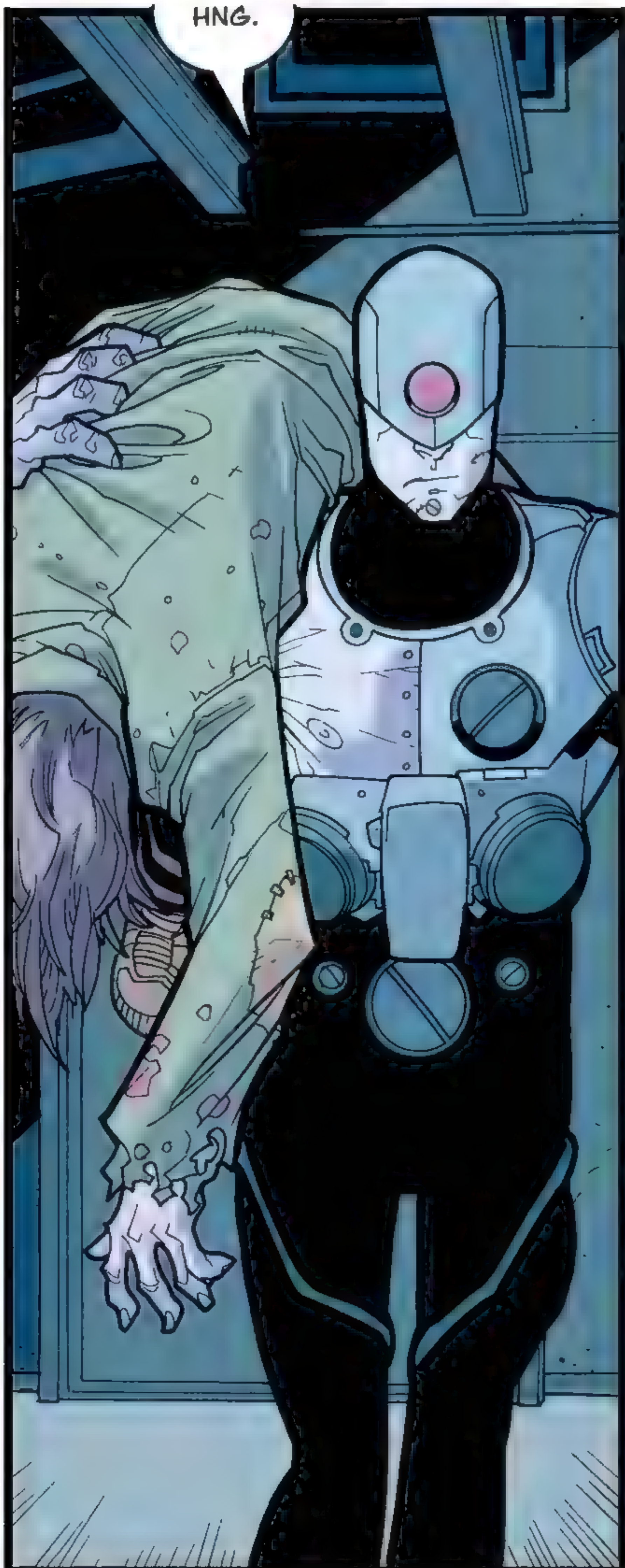
BACK AT UPSTATE UNIVERSITY--THE SECRET CLOCK TOWER HIDEOUT OF D.A. SINCLAIR, CREATOR OF THE REANIMEN.



I KNOW IT HURTS. I'M SORRY. I CAN'T AFFORD ANY EXPENSIVE ANESTHETIC. I DISCONNECTED YOUR VOCAL CORDS SO YOU COULDN'T DRAW ANY ATTENTION TO OUR LOCATION. OTHERWISE YOU'D BE HURTING YOUR EARS WITH ALL THAT SCREAMING.

THERE'S SOMETHING TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

HNG.



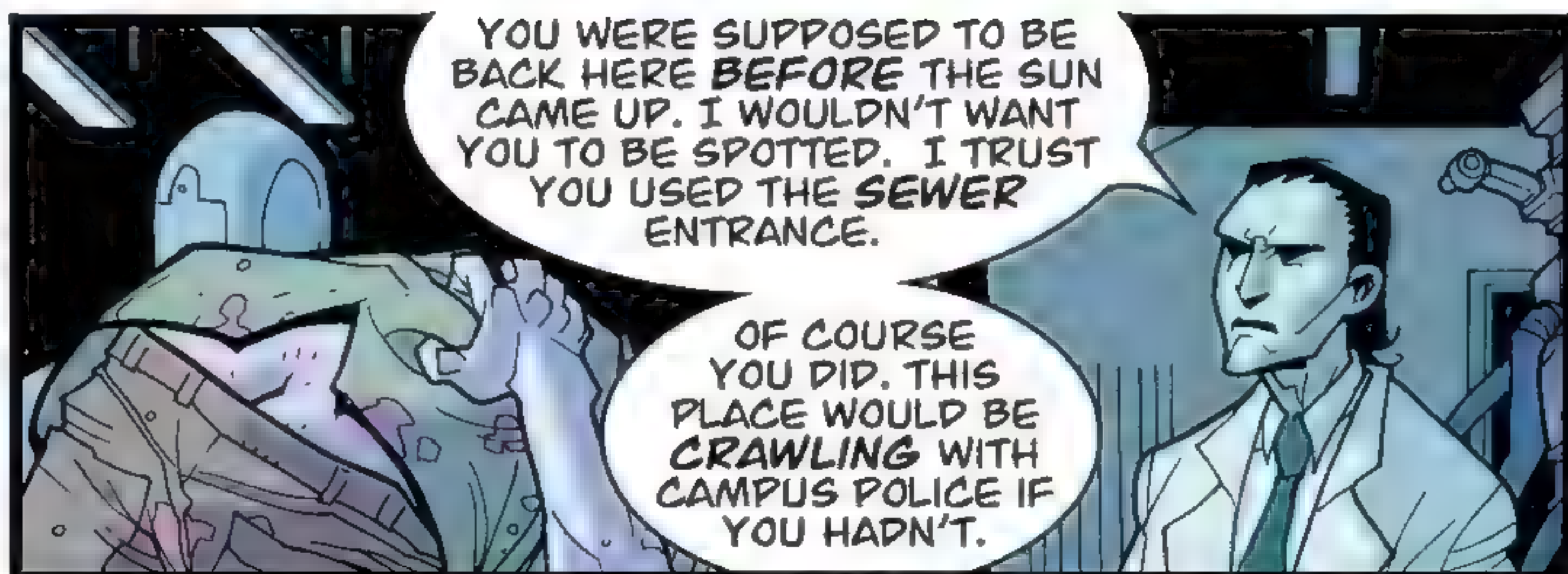
AH, RICK SHERIDAN--MY FIRST WORKING REANIMAN--THE ONE WHO STARTED IT ALL. MY PRIDE AND JOY.

YOU'RE LATE.



YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE BACK HERE BEFORE THE SUN CAME UP. I WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO BE SPOTTED. I TRUST YOU USED THE SEWER ENTRANCE.

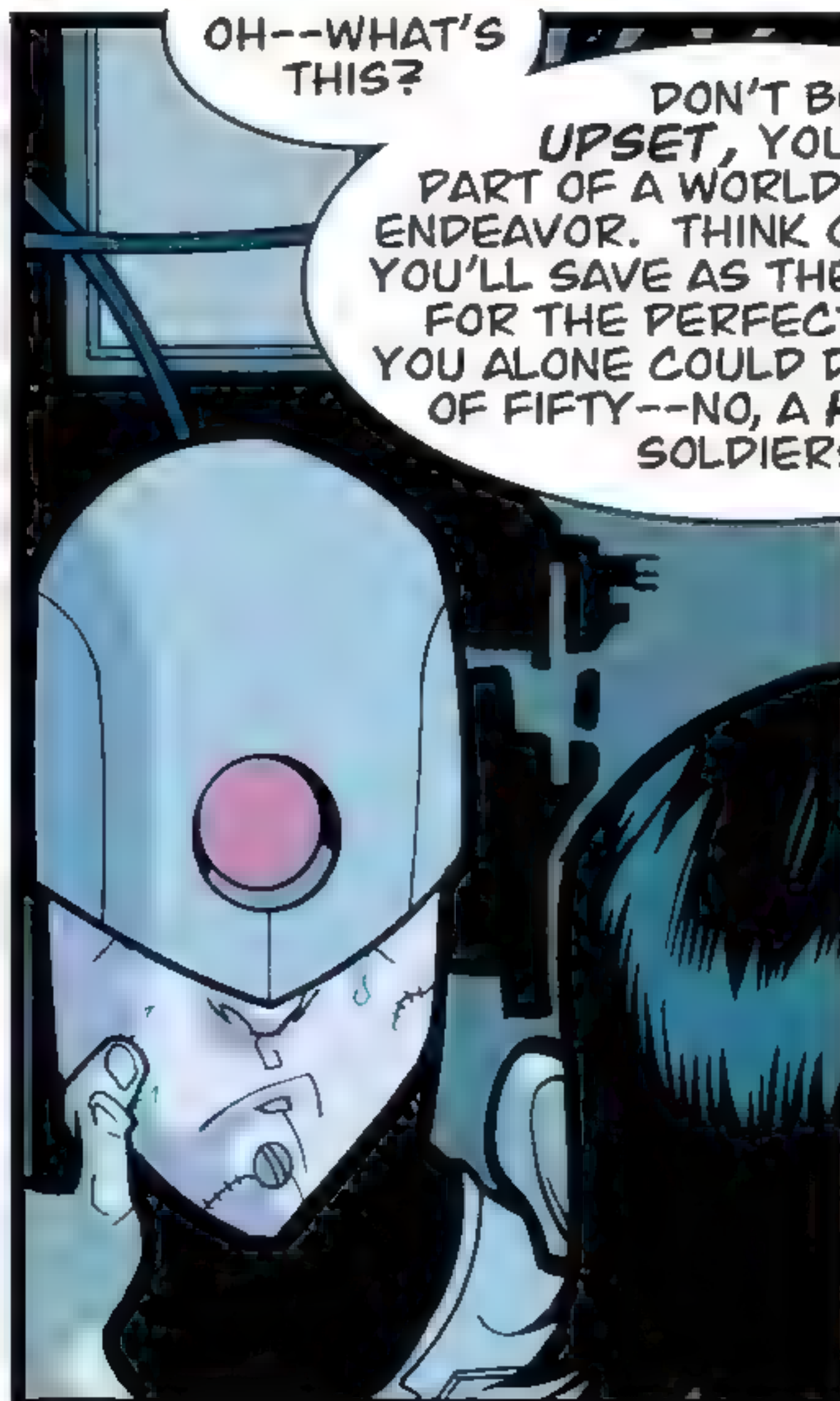
OF COURSE YOU DID. THIS PLACE WOULD BE CRAWLING WITH CAMPUS POLICE IF YOU HADN'T.



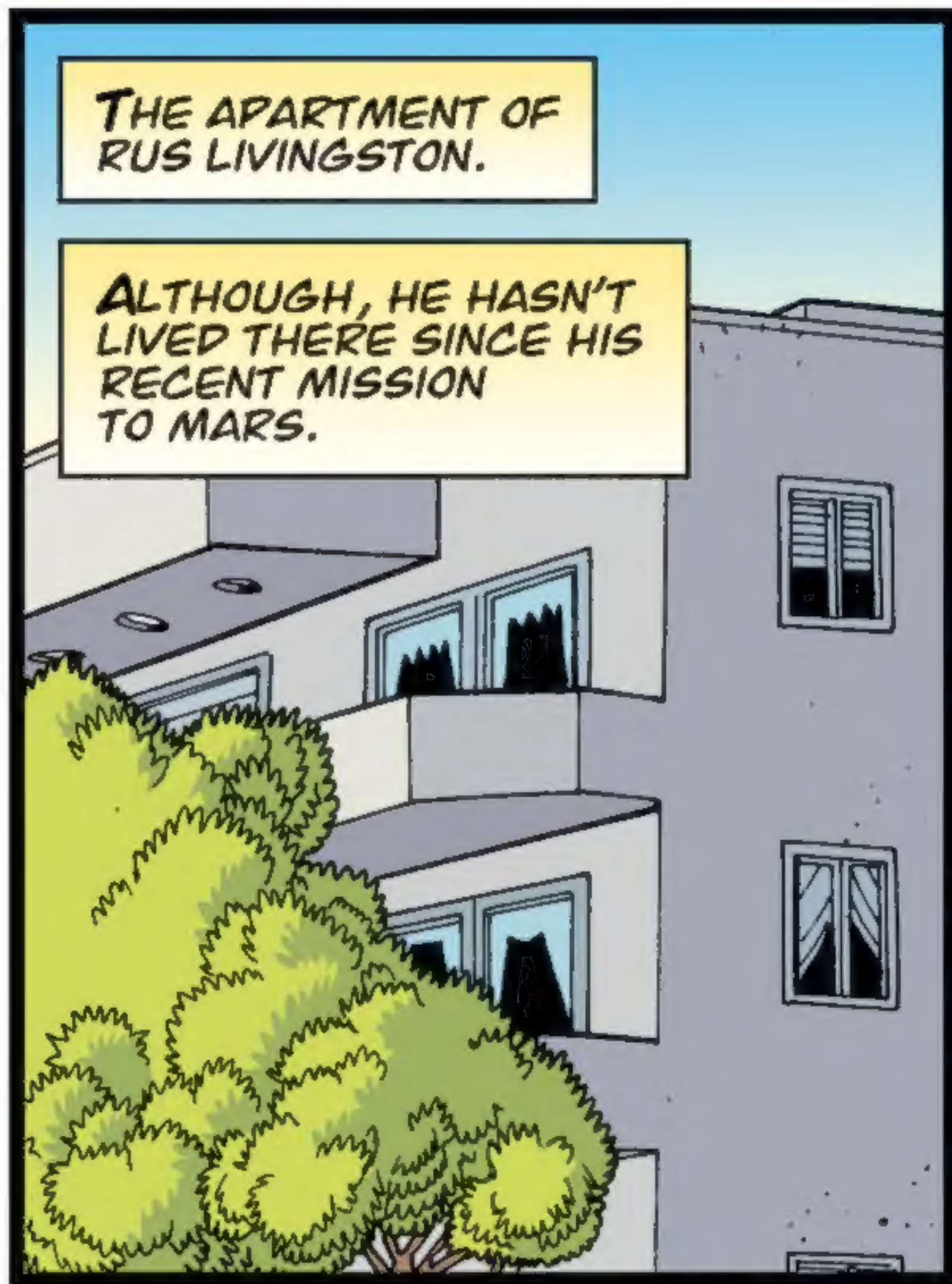
OH--WHAT'S THIS?

DON'T BE UPSET, YOU'RE A PART OF A WORLD-ALTERING ENDEAVOR. THINK OF THE LIVES YOU'LL SAVE AS THE PROTOTYPE FOR THE PERFECT SOLDIER. YOU ALONE COULD DO THE WORK OF FIFTY--NO, A HUNDRED SOLDIERS.

NOW PUT THAT ONE IN WITH THE OTHERS. I HAVE WORK TO DO.







THE APARTMENT OF  
RUS LIVINGSTON.

ALTHOUGH, HE HASN'T  
LIVED THERE SINCE HIS  
RECENT MISSION  
TO MARS.

RUS LIVINGSTON. I  
WONDER WHAT KIND  
OF PERSON YOU WERE.  
I HOPE YOU'RE DOING  
OKAY BACK ON MY  
HOME WORLD.

WHAT HAVE  
I DONE? I SHOULD  
HAVE NEVER LEFT YOU  
THERE---SWITCHING  
PLACES WITH YOU. I  
HAVE GOTTEN YOU  
FIRED FROM NASA AND  
NOW THEY TELL ME  
YOU ARE TO BE  
EVICTED.

I DON'T  
EVEN KNOW  
WHAT THAT  
MEANS.



I HATED MY HOME WORLD--  
MARS. MYSELF AND THE  
OTHER REBELS HATED THE  
ENSLAVEMENT OF THE  
**SEQUIPS**. THEY TALKED  
ME INTO THIS... COMING  
HERE. I JUST DON'T  
KNOW IF IT WAS THE  
BEST IDEA.

SURE, THE  
**SEQUIPS** ARE  
PROBABLY FREE NOW--  
PROBABLY OVERTHROWING  
OUR CORRUPT MONARCH  
ONE... BUT I AM  
HERE.

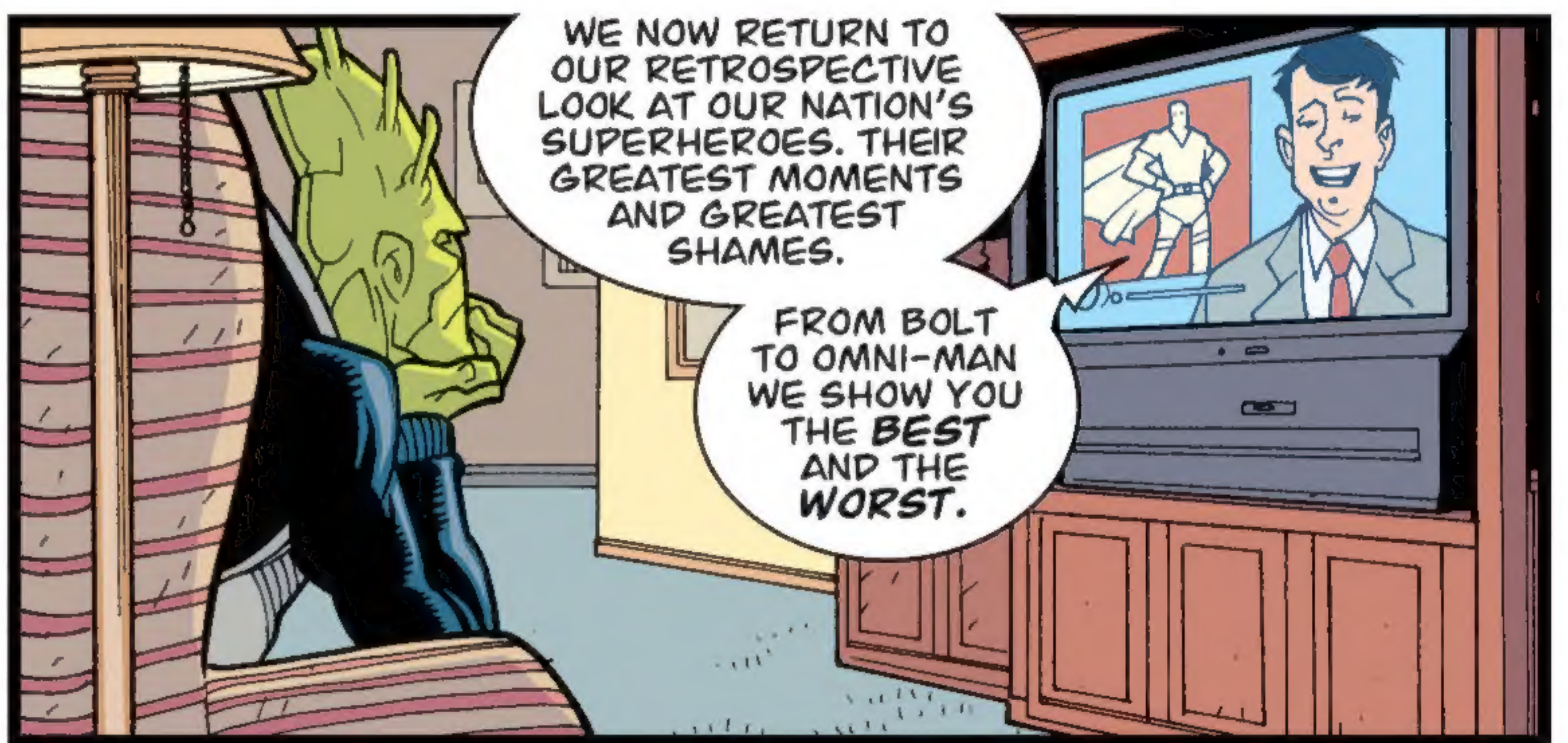


ALONE.

WITH  
NOTHING  
TO DO AND  
NO ONE TO  
TALK TO.

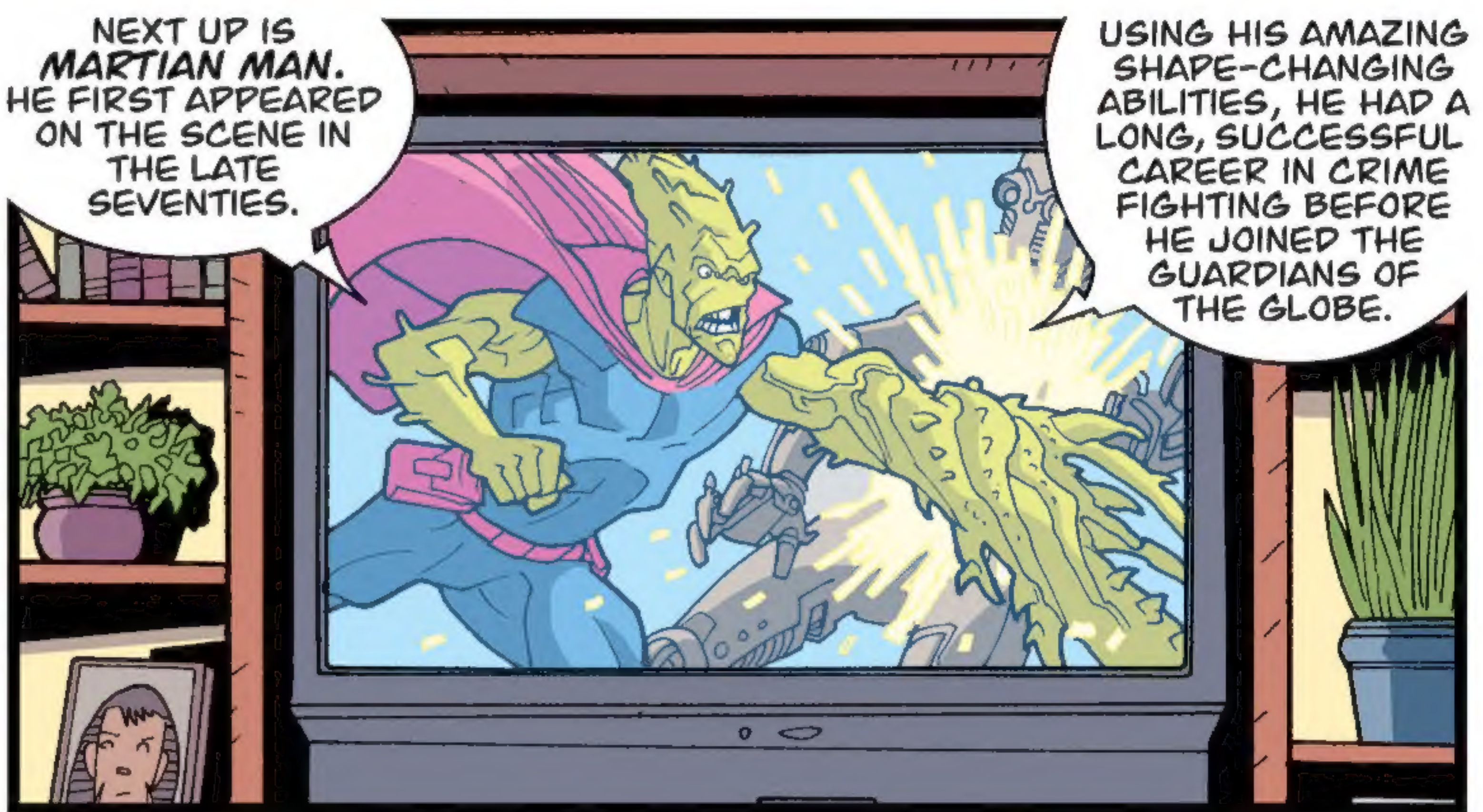
WE NOW RETURN TO  
OUR RETROSPECTIVE  
LOOK AT OUR NATION'S  
SUPERHEROES. THEIR  
GREATEST MOMENTS  
AND GREATEST  
SHAMES.

FROM BOLT  
TO OMNI-MAN  
WE SHOW YOU  
THE BEST  
AND THE  
WORST.



NEXT UP IS  
**MARTIAN MAN**.  
HE FIRST APPEARED  
ON THE SCENE IN  
THE LATE  
SEVENTIES.

USING HIS AMAZING  
SHAPE-CHANGING  
ABILITIES, HE HAD A  
LONG, SUCCESSFUL  
CAREER IN CRIME  
FIGHTING BEFORE  
HE JOINED THE  
GUARDIANS OF  
THE GLOBE.



SUPER-  
HEROES?





